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MURDER VICTIM'S PARENTS DEMAND ANSWERS

New bid to reopen inquest

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THE parents of mum-to-be Eystna Blunnie, who was brutally murdered by her former boyfriend almost three years ago, are calling for an inquest into her death to be reopened.

Kevin and Susan Blunnie claim their 20-year-old daughter's life might have been saved but for failures by Essex Police and other agencies, revealed in a Government-commissioned domestic homicide review last year.

Catering student Eystna, of Hailing Hill, Harlow, was found fatally injured by the side of the road in Howard Way in the early hours of June 27, 2012. She was taken to Princess Alexandra Hospital but doctors were unable to save her or her unborn baby, Rose.

Sentenced

Her former boyfriend, Tony McLernon, 25, of North Grove, Harlow, was arrested and charged with murder and child destruction. He was found guilty at Chelmsford Crown Court of both charges and sentenced to life in prison, with a recommendation that he must serve 27 years before being eligible for parole.

On Monday Mr and Mrs Blunnie applied to Essex area coroner Eleanor McGann to reopen an inquest in the light of the known immediate risks to Eystna's life, which they said had not come out during the

trial of McLernon.

An inquest was opened and adjourned a few days after Eystna's death but a full hearing was never held after McLernon's trial because the coroner decided not to resume it.

Essex Police, the Crown Prosecution Service, Essex Children's Ser-

vices and mental health body North Essex Partnership Foundation NHS Trust have all objected to reopening the inquest.

But part-way through this week's preliminary hearing at Chelmsford Coroner's Court, the case had to be adjourned for those organisations to produce individual management

reviews.

Coroner Mrs McGann, who adjourned the hearing until Friday, May 15, also said that McLernon should be represented at an inquest if she decided there should be one.

Mr and Mrs Blunnie have already filed a civil claim for damages

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Robert Halfon MP
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- Robert successfully campaigned for a four year freeze in Fuel Duty, saving the average motorist £10 every time they fill up their car.
- NHS Trusts have been instructed to cut the cost of Hospital car parking, after Robert spoke out against rip-off charges and the lack of concessions.
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Grants joy for trio of award winners

Three groups receive funding from High Sheriff

THREE groups in Harlow received a funding boost after landing High Sheriff cash awards given to organisations which help to promote community safety and prevent crime.

The Crucial Crew project won the Essex County Council Bowl and received a grant of £1,000 at the awards ceremony held at Hylands House in Chelmsford.

The grant will go towards an event to help reduce crime, disorder and drug abuse among young people in the town.

Berecroft Residents' Association was awarded £500 to support the work of community wardens and Harlow Neighbourhood Watch was given a similar amount to go towards street signs to highlight neighbourhood watch areas.

Home-Start Harlow was given a certificate for giving outstanding support to its volunteers.

Epping Forest Youth Council won the High Sheriff Shield and was awarded £1,000 for its project to help raise awareness of the impact bullying has on young people while Voluntary Action Epping Forest received £600 for a garden maintenance project to help elderly and disabled people and £500 towards the provision of key safes for vulnerable people to improve their home safety.

More than 40 voluntary and community organisations were represented at this year's ceremony and



BOWLED OVER:
Marina Sherriff of the Crucial Crew, is presented with the Essex County Council Bowl by the High Sheriff of Essex, Nicholas Charrington and county council chairman Norman Hume

trophies, certificates and grants totalling £23,471 were presented by the outgoing High Sheriff of Essex, Nicholas Charrington. The grants come from a fund managed by the Essex Community Foundation, an independent charitable trust.

Mr Charrington paid tribute to the people of Essex as he came to the end of his year of office.

"It is estimated that nearly 400,000 people undertake some form of charity or voluntary work in Essex," he said. "This dedication and devotion underpins our communities, making for a healthier and safer society."

"Over the past year I have met such a wide range of dedicated and impress-

ive people who go to extraordinary lengths to make such a difference in their communities. It is a pleasure and a privilege to help give them the recognition they so richly deserve."

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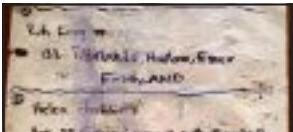
Chief executive Bob Reitemeier said: "The fund is a valuable financial resource for the voluntary sector in Essex. We are delighted to work with the successive High Sheriffs so that greater support can be given to people in the county who are tackling important issues at a local level."

Can you solve mystery of names found in bridge?

THE search on to find a woman whose name was found written on a piece of paper and hidden in a bridge in Kenya.

Engineer David Horsey was working in Mombassa in 1983 when he discovered an envelope containing the names and addresses of three people which had been placed in the Nyali Bridge. One was Ruth Lang followed by the address 113 Titheland, Harlow, Essex.

Mr Horsey kept the letter but forgot all about it. It was only in 2009 when he



moved house that his wife found it. "I discovered it 30 years ago but sadly did nothing about it" said Mr Horsey, who still lives in Kenya. "It was just a piece of paper inside one of the

anchors of the bridge I was renovating. I'm now trying to track down the women."

The other names on the list were Helen Chambers from Doncaster in Yorkshire and Beverley Carter, who lived in the former West Germany.

"It was there for someone to find," said Mr Horsey. "I have made two time capsules myself, one before and one after this find."

Mr Horsey is asking anyone who knows of Ruth Lang to email him at davidecivicon@gmail.com

Parents of murder victim want inquest reopened

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against the four organisation involved, but that claim has been put on hold pending the outcome of the coroner's decision about the inquest.

The Blunnies' lawyer Alison Gerry told the court: "The criminal investigation focused on Tony McLernon. There was no investigation into the actions or interactions of the agencies relating to protecting Eystna."

She said steps could, or might, have been taken to reduce the risk to Eystna. It was known McLernon had a long history of domestic abuse against partners and ex-partners, including Eystna, and of acts of violence towards others.

He had mental health issues related to alcohol and drug abuse and in the month before the murder he was admitted to accident and emergency at Princess Alexandra Hospital for self-harm.

It was also known that he disputed the paternity of Eystna's baby and suspected her of being unfaithful.

Miss Gerry said police were aware that Eystna reported McLernon had assaulted her on April 1, 2012 and she was willing to support a prosecution. She said she was frightened of him and claimed he had threatened to kill her.

In addition, midwives at PAH had raised their concerns about contact between the couple.

Miss Gerry continued: "The domestic homicide review has real concern about a lack of sharing of information and a multi-agency approach."

That report, she said, referred to McLernon's "toxic mix" of violent behaviour, previous history and alcohol use.

The CPS had since admitted it was wrong not to prosecute McLernon for the April assault against Eystna.

Police tried to contact Eystna on May 2 and 14 by phone for a welfare check but she did not respond and they took no further steps.

Barrister Briony Ballard, representing Essex Police, said the force had taken "the reasonable steps that could have been taken".

More to be spent on grass cutting programme and weed prevention

EXTRA resources have been allocated to improve the maintenance of Harlow's green open spaces this year.

Four additional ride-on grass cutting machines and operatives have been added to the existing team for six months while a strimming and weed spraying team will be employed to tackle obstacles and areas difficult to cut by machines.

A further month of resources has also been included in the budget to respond to the early or late grass growing season, and an extra hard surface weed spray has been acquired to increase the number of town-wide spraying from two to three to prevent weeds establishing themselves alongside roads, verges and footpaths.

The funding to pay for the extra measures has come from efficiency savings as part of Harlow Council's contract with Kier Harlow Ltd contract.

The changes are designed to build on measures introduced last summer as a direct result of public concern about the standard and frequency of grass cutting and strimming in the town.

Damage

The council is also planning to rectify the damage caused by unauthorised traveller encampments.

Councillor Mark Wilkinson, portfolio holder for environment, said: "We know from talking to residents and last year's budget consultation findings that the maintenance of the town's open spaces is a high priority.

"On a daily basis residents will either drive, walk or cycle past green open spaces and they are a fundamental part of the town's landscape and are much loved. Cutting the grass more regularly, extra strimming and extra weed spraying will help bring back a bit of pride in our town and make a positive and visible difference to Harlow."

He added: "This is also about improving value for money for taxpayers when it comes to looking after the town's open spaces.

"Over the years grass cutting, strimming and weed spraying has been reduced with savings put elsewhere to protect other services. We have worked with Kier Harlow to look at ways money can be reinvested in maintaining open spaces without impacting on other services they provide."

Livability charity picks up keys to its new car



AFTER a hard year of saving, charity Livability have been able to achieve their goal of purchasing a new Ford Galaxy.

The new seven seat car will greatly help residents of Nettewell Rectory in Manston Road, Harlow, to participate in visits and events that they may otherwise have missed out on.

Livability were greatly helped in their efforts to afford the car by a large donation, which enabled them to buy the Galaxy sooner than anticipated.

Sandra Hart, Chair of Friends of Nettewell Rectory, said: "The group are continuing to raise money for a second vehicle and also any monies raised will help generally with the life skills programme and its residents."

Fight to turn on lights continues

Council leader refuses to give up on £100k bid

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THE fight to keep Harlow's street lights on throughout the night will continue despite County Hall's decision to keep them on for an extra hour.

Harlow Council voted last month to raise council tax by 1.5 per cent to pay for the cost of having the street lights turned back on all night. It followed complaints of theft, robbery and injury as people walked in the darkness.

But the county council rejected the £121,000 offer, saying it was "bizarre" as it had seen no evidence of a rise in crime or injury.

In a letter to Harlow Council leader Jon Clempner, Essex County Council's cabinet member for highways and transportation Cllr Rodney Bass said: "While we understand you specifically addressed in your budget debate this somewhat bizarre financial proposal, we are sorry that you have been unable to offer any substantive justification for this arrangement.

"In particular, you have been unable to provide any sensible rationale for your council's change of stance nor any evidence of an increase in crime or accidents which could be attributed to the part-night lighting scheme."

About 70 per cent of lights have been turned off between midnight and 5am since March 2013, resulting in an annual saving of more than £1m.

But on Monday the county council announced the lights would now be turned off between 1am and 5am six days a week, costing an extra £300,000 a year.

Harlow Council leader Jon Clempner said he was pleased County Hall was showing "flexibility in responding to local needs".

He said: "This change of mind by Essex County Council does not affect Harlow Council's offer to pay to keep street lights on all night in Harlow."

"This isn't the end of the matter," he added. "We will continue to put our community's needs first and seek to get our town's street lights back on."

Cllr Clempner said if the deal was not accepted by April 1 the money generated by the council tax rise would be "protected".

Cllr Andrew Johnson, leader of the Conservative group on Harlow Council, said the whole situation had been handled badly by the Labour administration.

"They clearly didn't do their research, didn't actually speak to the relevant cabinet member and didn't get their sums right," he said. "If the light switch-on doesn't happen the Labour council owes taxpayers in Harlow £100,000. Can we all have our money back please?"

Elsewhere in Essex, Colchester Borough Council said it had allocated up to £185,000 in its budget to pay for the lights to be turned back on. Tendring District Council is due to debate the issue later.

Harlow MP Robert Halfon has called on Harlow Council to scrap its plans for a rise in council tax while Labour parliamentary candidate Suzy Stride led a protest against the switch-off outside Parliament yesterday (Wednesday).

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Why cyclists use the road

SIR Your correspondent Pat Ivory asks why cyclists' use the roads and do not stick to the excellent cycle track network here in Harlow (Letters, March 19). As someone who uses a bicycle on a daily basis as my principal mode of transport, I think that I can respond with some experience on this matter.

Firstly, it is necessary to ride on the road just to get to and from a cycle track as they don't go from door to door. Secondly, the cycle track network is nowhere near as comprehensive as the road system so some journeys will have to be entirely on the road.

Finally, cyclists are free to use the public highway except where specifically excluded so I'll continue to use the roads when it suits me.

Mrs Ivory should be more concerned about people riding bikes on the footpath and also pedestrians who insist on walking on the cycle tracks, locked in their cyber world and oblivious to all that's going on around them.

As for helmet-cams and the like, they are definitely not for me. They only encourage confrontation.

John Curry
Old Orchard, Harlow

SIR I am writing in response to the letter from Pat Ivory in which she suggests all cyclists should use the cycle tracks in Harlow rather than the roads.

My husband and I cycle regularly and whilst I agree that the cycle track network is good, the quality of the surface is far from safe to ride on as it is uneven (due to the track being dug up to lay gas/water pipes and then made good), scattered with potholes, debris from falling trees and, in my area, fly-tipped rubbish.

Perhaps Mrs Ivory would care to take a bike and try cycling around Harlow. She may well then understand why the road is possibly a safer option.

Alison Ball
Broomfield, Harlow

It's time to start talking

SIR With the General Election

READER PHOTO OF THE WEEK



This week's photo was sent in by Chris Howe, of Copshall Close, Harlow. It was taken from Jean McAlpine Park looking towards the town centre.

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just around the corner it is surprising that there hasn't been the usual furore regarding party policies emanating from the corners of the political boxing ring at this early stage.

As the pace begins to increase, we now see Harlow's Labour parliamentary candidate doing the usual PR by visiting community and voluntary groups as much as our MP has since his election. They are both seeking as much publicity and photo opportunities as possible.

I welcome a live debate between the candidates who hope to represent Harlow in the House of Commons. In consideration of a proposed agenda I suggest the following topics could be discussed: the proposed junction 7a at the M11, the future of the BHS store, how will local policing be organised and funded, will the electorate be involved in the retendering of the existing contract currently held by Kier Harlow, the town plan for the redevelopment of playing fields and open spaces for a minimum of 15,000 new homes within the existing boundaries of the town and what proposals are offered to bring employment to the town beyond further fast food outlets and coffee shops?

The Harlow electorate now

wants to see manifestos being stated, together with a hit-list of proposals that the candidates are going to deliver for Harlow.

Lastly, I would not want to see representatives from the police, Harlow Council, Essex County Council, the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner nor any political or civil servant heavyweight brought in to support the speakers. It should just be the parliamentary candidates who are prepared to stand by their own word in a live debate so that the Harlow electorate can make an informed decision as to who to vote for.

Paul Wadley
St Andrews Meadow, Harlow

Changes to parking costs

SIR Further to the letter about the charge for parking permits (Star, March 19), the decision by the North Essex Parking Partnership, of which Harlow is a member, was first taken at a board meeting in 2013.

The council was at that time run by the Conservatives who agreed to delay the introduction until 2015.

I now attend these meetings in my role as Harlow Council's cabinet member for regeneration

and enterprise. Whilst it has taken me six months, the parking partnership has now agreed to consult on a more sensible and rationale charging system for visitors' parking permits.

Residents will be informed about the possible change and I do encourage as many to respond as possible. In the meantime I would encourage anyone who does require regular visitors to a parking permit area and has concerns about the current cost to contact the council.

We have been able to assist several residents in resolving this issue. Whilst we need to strike a balance in resolving the misuse of visitors' permits, this should have never been at the expense of the rest of the community.

Cllr Tony Durcan (Labour)
Rundells, Harlow

Tenants who foot the bill

SIR In June 2013 I wrote a letter to the Star about Harlow Council's decent homes project in which I said the fundamental reason for tenants not attending tenants' forums was a belief that the councillors, council officers

and council contractors always promised much but delivered little.

In the intervening two years it appears the council's designated contractors have not met their own set targets.

In addition the number of people who have received sub standard work has increased.

Would anyone have any idea how many sub-contractors are involved in the decent homes project? How many tenants have received letters from firms claiming they have been asked to assess some work by the council when no work has been done? How many tenants have not had any work completed on their homes in the past two years?

If it wasn't so serious it would be laughable and the losers, as always, are the tenants who pay the bills.

I had high hopes based on assurances provided by the approved contractors and the council that at the end of the decent homes project all the issues raised relating to my home would be addressed, resulting, in short, with a modern decent safe home. I am still waiting.

Therefore, I make this suggestion to the council - let tenants be given the opportunity to prepare a professional report on various elements of the decent homes project based on the professionalism of contractors, timescales, standard of work and cost.

In short, compare process with outcome.

Hopefully the council will respond positively but what do the tenants think of this idea and would they be prepared to get involved? Let's hope so.

Gary Roberts
Carters Mead, Harlow

Saddened by state of town

SIR Having left Harlow six years ago after living in Altham Grove for 41 years, I recently revisited the town and was amazed at how it had deteriorated.

I was surprised Marks & Spencer had gone and I hope you can retain the Town Park and Pets' Corner for future generations.

I only hope other towns do not follow.

J. Pittey
Pulpitfield Close, Walton-on-the-Naze

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Golfers chip in with £6,200 charity cheque



TEE TIME:
Left to right, Scott Alderson, Drew Clark, Vic Goddard, Tina Hollyoake, Brett Trevillion and John Clark

GOLFERS swung into action when they took part in a tournament to raise money for Harlow-based charity No Child Without.

Members of the Manor of Groves Golf Club at High Wych chose to support the charity which provides young people across the town with funds to

access educational and extra-curricular opportunities that may otherwise be beyond their means.

The charity was set up by Passmores Academy PE teacher David Archer in 2013. Among those who played in the tournament was school principal Vic Goddard.

The proceeds were added to those from other fundraising activities held by the club, which presented a cheque for £6,200 to the charity.

Club member Val Walker said: "We wanted to support NCW as we knew all the money would be directly going to the children, every single penny."

College places threatened by cut in funding

Warning about the impact on skills training

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PROPOSED Government cuts that could see more than 190,000 college course places lost nationally by next year will have a devastating impact on Harlow College, it was claimed this week.

According to the Association of Colleges (AOC), which acts as a collective voice for colleges across the country, the funding cuts will see a massive reduction in the number of places offered to students aged 19 and over.

It warned that slashing funding by 24 per cent for the 2015-16 academic year – with health, public services and IT courses those likely to be cut the hardest – could spell the end of adult education and training by 2020.

Harlow College will have its annual funding reduced by around £1.2m in the autumn. This will have an impact on the intake of adult learners, with 1,200 fewer places offered.

AOC chief executive Martin Doel said: "Adult education and training is effectively being decimated. These cuts could mean

an end to the vital courses that provide skilled employees for the workforce such as nurses and social care workers.

"The potential loss of provision threatens the future prospects of the millions of people who may need to retrain as they continue to work beyond retirement age, as well as unemployed people who need support to train for a new role.

"Adult education and training in England is too important to be lost, to both individuals and the wider economy."

Devastating

Harlow Labour parliamentary candidate Suzy Stride said the cuts would be devastating and would undermine the commitment of all political parties to provide better skills for young people to tackle low pay and skills shortage.

"Harlow College is the centre of our community and these cuts are appalling and despicable," she said.

"Robert Halfon [Harlow MP] needs to stop talking and start acting on these issues which are crucial to the future of our town."

Mr Halfon said he had hoped there would have been no need for funding cuts but added the reduction in the number of college places would be balanced out by an increase in the number of apprenticeships.

He said: "Of course I would have hoped this had not happened. However, the Minister of State said that he is using the money to put extra resources into apprenticeships.

"Since being elected in 2010 I have done everything I can to support the college. The Government has invested £10m in the new University Technical College and a further £2.5m in an engineering centre at the college."

Mr Halfon added that as soon as he was made aware of the issue he invited the Government's skills minister Nick Boles to meet Harlow College principal Karen Spencer and funding diversification manager Debbie Sheridan.

During the meeting Mr Boles said he would help the college explore other options to increase funding through Advanced Learner Loans and traineeships as well as helping it prepare a business plan for expansion.

Assault victim suffers bruising after being punched in the face

A MAN in his 60s suffered bruising after he was punched in the face in a street in Harlow.

The assault took place in Pinceybrook Road at 3.10pm on Monday, March 16. The victim lives in Harlow.

Police investigating the incident believe there may have been a number of witnesses who have not yet come forward and have appealed to them to get in touch.

Anyone with information about the assault is asked to contact PC Jason Platt at Harlow police station on 101.

Armed police sent to traveller site after reports of gunfire

ARMED police officers were sent to the traveller site at Pinnacles, Harlow, on Tuesday morning after reports of a firearm being discharged.

Two officers were seen positioned outside the site adjacent to the GlaxoSmithKline building.

No-one was injured but police have appealed for anyone with information to contact Harlow CID on the non-emergency 101 number.

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Residents get help to tackle anti-social behaviour



GIFT: Sam McCarter, assistant manager at the Maplin store in Harlow, presents WMRA vice chairman Nishal Garala with the walkie talkies

A RESIDENTS' group in Harlow has launched a new alert system in order to tackle anti-social behaviour in the area.

The Waterhouse Moor Residents' Association has been given eight walkie-talkies by electrical chain store Maplin.

The equipment will be distributed to various parts of the Waterhouse Moor estate and is intended to provide a quick response to incidents following an agreed protocol.

The Waterhouse Moor estate includes more than 300 homes as

well as the Harlow Study Centre, Elm Hatch shops, The Hummingbird public house, St Andrew's Church and Nettewell Pond.

WMRA vice chairman Nishal Garala said: "This new system is a crucial channel for keeping our communities safe, providing key information and hopefully prevent negative issues."

The project has been implemented in response to a spate of criminal activity including the theft of a Jewish memorial plaque and an

increase in anti-social behaviour in Elm Hatch.

"It is hoped that by taking this initiative the whole community will benefit and that by pulling together and having pride in the area and environment, the residents can look forward to an improved and safer area," said Mr Garala.

Chris Wickers, manager of the Maplin store at the Oaks Retail Park off Edinburgh Way, said: "I think the WMRA alert system is a good idea and anything that makes areas safer and people

Driver arrested in hospital after fatal M11 crash

Man, 47, killed in three-vehicle smash

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ONE of the drivers involved in Friday's fatal accident on the M11 north of Harlow has been arrested for causing death by dangerous driving.

A 47-year-old man from Chatham in Kent was killed in the three-vehicle crash which closed the northbound carriageway of the motorway between junctions 8 at Bishop's Stortford and 10 at Duxford from more than five hours.

He was travelling in a Ford Focus which was in collision with two other vehicles – a Volkswagen Golf and a VW Transporter van.

Three other people were taken to hospital. One of them, a 40-year-old man from Sidcup in Kent, was later arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving.

He was released bailed pending further police enquiries until Wednesday, June 24.

The accident happened in the outside lane of the two-lane northbound carriageway at 1.40pm.

Police, fire crews from Stansted, Newport, Saffron Walden and Linton, paramedics and a hazardous area response team vehicle from the East of England Ambulance Service were joined at the scene by traffic officers from the Highways Agency.

An air ambulance was also scrambled, landing in field adjacent to the northbound carriageway.

Although the crash happened in the outside lane of the northbound carriageway the vehicles ended up in the outside lane of the southbound carriageway.

A Highways Agency spokesman said fire and ambulance

crews had to access the crash site from the opposite carriageway.

Because of the severity of the crash, the Highways Agency took the decision to install incident screens in the central reservation so that traffic on the southbound carriageway, which by 3pm was tailing back to junction 11 of the motorway, could be released as soon as possible.

Traffic was prevented from entering the motorway at the junction 8 northbound sliproad and junctions 10, 9A and 9 southbound sliproads. An emergency diversion route was put in place using the A120, A10 and A505.

Once the operation to remove the crash vehicles was completed, police carried out a "prolonged and extensive" investigation which took until 6.15pm.

The northbound carriageway was eventually reopened at 7pm.

Crufts trip is a pet project for Tim and Georgie

ONE man and his dog helped raise awareness and funds for charity when they attended the world-famous Crufts dog show.

Tim Card, of Fernhill Lane, Harlow, and his nine-year-old Chihuahua Georgie, pictured right, travelled to Birmingham's NEC arena to help man the Pets as Therapy stand.

For the past six years the pair have been volunteering for the charity which provides therapeutic canine visits to hospitals, hospices, care homes and special needs schools.



Among the places they visit on a weekly basis are Tye Green Lodge Care Home, Harlow Fields School and College, St Clare Hospice and the David Livingstone Club in Potter Street.

"It's very rewarding," he said. "I lost my wife a few years ago and I'm on my own so I get a lot of pleasure out of the visits."

"People really love it, their faces light up and they smile. Georgie is always well loved everywhere he goes."



Crucial Crew delivers safety messages to school pupils

SAFETY first was the message delivered to hundreds of pupils from primary schools in Harlow who took part in the annual Crucial Crew event at the Latton Bush Centre.

Over the course of 10 days the safety skills of more than 900 children from 29 schools across the town were put to the test in a series of interactive role-playing exercises.

Subjects covered during the course of the sessions included healthy relationships, internet safety, first aid, the dangers of smoking and safety around

large goods vehicles.

Various organisations took part to deliver the scenarios, including Safer Places, Essex Police, Essex Fire & Rescue Service, Kier Harlow, Essex County Council, the East of England Ambulance Service, Anglian Community Enterprise and Sainsbury's.

The event was organised by Harlow Council and sponsored by Harlow Education Consortium, Safer Harlow Partnership, High Sheriff's Award Scheme and Kier Harlow.



Police apology over handling of illegal camps

Cost of tackling traveller issue now £118k

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A SENIOR officer has apologised to residents in Harlow for the Essex Police's handling of illegal traveller encampments in the town.

Speaking at public meeting on Thursday about the illegal encampments, Superintendent Sean O'Callaghan admitted the action taken by police had been "inconsistent".

He said: "I apologise if anyone didn't receive the service they had been entitled to. I also apologise for any inconsistencies."

Earlier this month Harlow Council secured a landmark ruling in the High Court to ban illegal traveller encampments.

The interim injunction prevents travellers from setting up illegal camps on any piece of land within the Harlow Council area or face contempt of court charges. In addition, any traveller entering the town will be banned from pitching up on 454 individual parcels of land.

To date, the cost of imposing the interim injunction and the cost of cleaning up illegal sites and preventative measures has reached £118,000. Of this, £75,000 was spent on clean-up costs and £43,000 on obtaining the injunction.

Superintendent O'Callaghan was joined at the meeting by Harlow Council leader Jon Clempner, town MP Robert Halfon and representatives from Essex County Council.

Since October 2013, Harlow Council and Essex County Council moved travellers from 110 illegal encampments in the town.

Responding to questions about the length of time it took to gain the court injunction, Cllr Clempner said complaints and concerns about travellers had filled nine ring binders worth of evidence.

He said the council was now looking to secure a permanent High Court injunction to stop the problem occurring again.

Answering questions over the police handling of traveller-related incidents, Superintendent O'Callaghan said they were restricted by current laws which need to be changed to make them more effective.

He said: "Powers granted by section 61 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act are only able to move travellers off transit sites and are not sufficient to deal with the problem permanently."

Mr Halfon responded: "The Home Office will toughen up Section 61. What Essex County Council are trying to do is bring all the councils together to make sure that if this problem ever happens again it will be a lot easier to deal with."

He added that discussions were taking place to find a suitable site elsewhere in Essex which could be used as a transit camp.

Cllr Clempner said the traveller groups mentioned had been offered a housing assessment but had refused, adding: "This is an unprecedented response to an unprecedented problem."

In brief

Raising cash for autism charity

THE mother of a boy with autism is holding a charity bake sale to raise awareness of the condition and gather funds for Harlow-based charity PACT for Autism.

Laura Buck will be selling cakes and also running a raffle tomorrow (Friday). She is hoping to raise £300 for the organisation which provided support for her son Billy and his family.

Harlow MP Robert Halfon will be visiting the sale which takes place in the Co-op supermarket at Colt Hatch.

Miss Buck said: "PACT has been really helpful and we have been going to them ever since my son was diagnosed. I am really looking forward to the sale and the main thing for us is to raise awareness of autism."

Easter farmyard

A CHILDREN'S farmyard with lambs, chicken, pigs and pygmy goats will be one of the Easter attractions at the Harvey Centre in Harlow.

The farm is just one of the attractions planned for Easter, along with an egg decorating workshop, free face painting and treasure hunts.

From 11am-4pm next Saturday (April 4) children will be able to stroke and learn all about a range of cute and cuddly animals in the free farm which will be installed inside the centre.

There will also be the opportunity to decorate their own Easter egg.

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Rape cases in Essex reach a five-year high

Increase in incidents reported to police

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THE number of recorded rapes in Essex is at a five-year high according to new figures recorded by police.

The data was contained in a report by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary's rape monitoring group which showed that in the 2013/14 period there were 415 reported cases of adult rape and 215 of child rape.

During the same period there were 82 prosecutions and 49 convictions.

The countywide data showed that during the five-year period from 2009-2014 police recorded a total of 2,538 rapes against men, women and children.

During the same period 383 people were prosecuted and, of those, 252 were convicted.

The rising figures for rape are reflected nationally, with an increase in reports since the launch in 2012 of the Metropolitan Police's Operation Yewtree in the wake of the Jimmy Savile revelations.

The number of cases referred to the Crown Prosecution Service by officers has also increased, from 144 in 2009-10 to 207 in 2013-14.

The HMIC report said: "While these figures can be interpreted as encouraging and as a

reflection of public confidence in authorities, more work to improve victim access to specialist support may yet further increase the number of victims who feel able to report to police."

Katie Russell, national spokeswoman for charity Rape Crisis England and Wales, said: "With these figures it's impossible to know the full detail and the rise in recorded rapes could be down to more recorded incidents by police rather than a rise in the crimes themselves."

"The Government estimates that only around 15 per cent of rape victims go to the police, but that number has begun to rise in the past year or two."

"Something is changing and Operation Yewtree has given hope to victims that they will be believed and treated with respect when they report to the police," she added.

"Seeing a rise in reports is encouraging, but we have a long way to go before victims are able to report rape like victims of other serious crime."

Sarah Clementson, manager of the charity Care for Action on Rape and Abuse, said: "Since 2012 we have experienced a 70 per cent increase in referral rates and that number has remained steady ever since."

"Only around 15 per cent of our clients report to the police."



Firm steps in to repair community centre's pothole-ridden car park

POTHOLEs in the car park of a community centre in Harlow have been repaired after a local firm offered to carry out the work free of charge.

A team of workmen from groundworks' and civil engineering specialists The Pryor Group, in Foster Street, spent a day laying a new surface on the parking area at The Gateway Centre, in Perry Road.

As well as the labour the company supplied the materials and equipment need to fill in the potholes.

Michael Lawrence, site manager at The Pryor Group, said: "We like to do work in the local community and help out where we can."

"We were keen to support the centre and sent a digger round there with some lads who spent the day re-grading the surface."

Brian Spencer, pastor of Gateway Freedom Church which runs the centre, said: "There wasn't an easy and cheap solution to our car park issues."

"However, the very generous help that we have received from John Pryor, Michael Lawrence and everyone else at The Pryor Group will make a real difference for everyone who uses the centre, including the nursery and the after-school and holiday club."

Pictured with Mr Spencer are, left, Dennie Jones, and, right, Dan Copp.

'Creative' changes to work shifts will put more police on duty at peak times

POLICE chiefs in Essex are to introduce changes to working patterns which will boost the number of officers on duty during peak times.

The current shift system of six days on, four days off means that too many officers are on duty during early morning hours when the number of calls to police is much reduced.

As a result, the system will be changed to shifts of six days on and three off.

Many officers in different commands already work the new system and the change, which is due to be introduced in the autumn, will bring nearly all officers on to the same system.

Chief Constable Stephen Kavanagh said: "Our peak period of demand is between 2pm and 8pm but we have had to look at creative ways of getting more officers on duty at these times."

Austerity

"The continuing austerity programme has seen us make savings of more than £50m in the last four years and we know there is more to come. This means we will have fewer officers in the future and we need to make sure their working patterns help protect the people of Essex."

He said a number of different options had been considered to ensure the new pattern still provided officers with a suitable work-life balance.

"We need to have enough officers on duty to provide for the public and support each other in doing a good job whilst at the same time ensuring everyone has enough time away from work to recharge the batteries and come back refreshed."

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Ed Balls launches Labour's poster campaign as General Election battle hots up

TWO of Labour's political heavyweights – Shadow Chancellor Ed Balls and Shadow Health Secretary Andrew Burnham – visited Harlow to launch the party's first poster of the 2015 General Election campaign.

They were joined by Harlow parliamentary candidate Suzy Stride for the unveiling of the digital poster at the party's offices at Flex Meadow on Friday.

Earlier in the week Shadow Education Minister David Hanson was in town and on Saturday Shadow Minister for Welfare Reform Helen Goodman visited Harlow during which she spoke out against the so-called bedroom tax which she branded "cruel and unfair".

The poster, which features an X-ray image of a broken bone beneath the slogan 'Next time, they'll cut to the bone', was Labour's response to Chancellor George Osborne's plans to cut public spending announced in the Budget two days earlier.

Mr Balls said: "The cuts to public services like police, defence



LABOUR DAYS: Above left, Ed Balls and Andy Burnham at the poster launch. Above right, Suzy Stride and supporters with Helen Goodman



and social care would be so deep they'd be almost impossible to achieve. People will conclude that to make their sums add up the Tories will end up cutting our NHS."

Mr Burnham added: "The Tories are completely silent on the NHS. They had nothing to offer it in the Budget and are desperate not to talk about it during the election campaign."

Ms Stride said the NHS was the

single biggest issue among Harlow voters, adding: "People are extremely worried about the future of the NHS, about waiting times and appointments being cancelled."

"The NHS staff, our doctors and nurses, are working incredibly hard under massive pressure. The Government has made ridiculous cuts to the budget; the NHS is broken under Tory rule."

On Saturday, Ms Goodman

joined Ms Stride as she went door-to-door canvassing for support and visited people affected by the single room supplement.

Ms Goodman said: "When the Government introduced it they already knew that there weren't enough smaller properties for people to move into, but they went ahead anyway."

"We will fund any costs of cancelling the bedroom tax by reversing George Osborne's recent tax

cut for hedge funds announced in the 2013 Budget and reversing the shares for rights scheme which, according to the Office for Budget Responsibility, has opened up a tax loophole and will lead to £1bn being lost to the Exchequer."

Miss Stride said: "At the moment 728 people in Harlow are paying [the bedroom tax] but at least as many more will be caught if the Tories win again."

"Robert Halfon voted for the

bedroom tax, Labour has pledged to abolish it and only a Labour government will do this."

Immigration was on the agenda when Mr Hanson and Ms Stride met a group of Harlow residents at a coffee morning in St Paul's Church last Wednesday.

Around 30 residents, invited personally by Miss Stride, had filled in a questionnaire before the meeting and contributed to a wide discussion.

Miss Stride added: "Immigration has been a topic people raise with me consistently and it's important and interesting to hear people's views."

"We need a policy which is fair to both people living here already and people moving here."

"Labour would invest in our border controls so that we have a proper system of counting people in and out and we are the only party that will implement a new law to prevent employers undercutting wages by exploiting immigration, we will ban agencies from only recruiting from abroad."

Ukip rocked by new council resignation

Councillor says Dorset move makes role impractical

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A SECOND Ukip councillor in Harlow is to stand down, less than a year after being elected.

Terry Spooner, who won a seat in the Great Parndon ward in last May's local elections, announced this week he was resigning after admitting that living in Dorset has left him unable to fulfil his Harlow commitments.

Quit

He is the second Ukip councillor to quit since the party won five seats in last year's elections. Mark Hall councillor Jerry Crawford stepped down in December due to ill health.

Labour won the subsequent by-election in February which saw Ukip's vote halved.

This week Cllr Spooner said:



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"The reason I am resigning is because it is impractical for me to continue."

"It was a hard decision as I have always enjoyed serving the residents of Great Parndon but after moving to Dorset last August it has become impractical with all the travelling I have to do."

Harlow Ukip member Mark Gough denied Cllr Spooner's resignation was a setback for the party and predicted the by-election will be "interesting".

"It will be the same day as the General Election," he said. "Usually these polls will only have a 30 per cent turnout but the results will be skewed this time by a 65

per cent turnout."

"It will be interesting to see what happens but I think we have as good a chance as any."

He added: "He (Cllr Spooner) is doing the right thing based on geography. It is another example of Ukip doing the right thing."

Great Parndon has traditionally been a Conservative stronghold and there are currently two Tory councillors. Andrew Johnson, leader of the Conservative group on the council, said he was "confident" of regaining the seat.

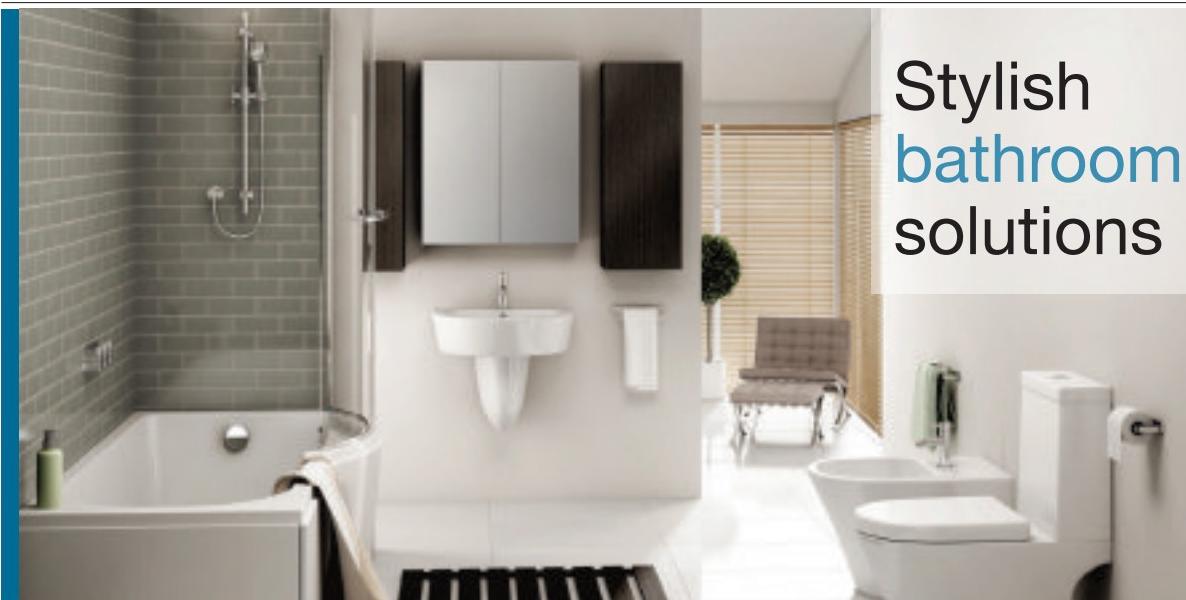
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He said Cllr Spooner's decision to resign was the "right thing to do", adding: "We will continue to work and fight the ward hard and hope to see a third Conservative councillor serving the residents of Great Parndon."

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Culture secretary given a tour of town art galleries



DISPLAY: Sajid Javid and Robert Halfon with artist Kayley Jones

CULTURE secretary Sajid Javid was given a tour of two of Harlow's art galleries during a visit to the town on Saturday.

Mr Javid, who was accompanied by Harlow MP Robert Halfon, was shown the latest works on display at the Gibberd Gallery in the Civic Centre by director Corinna Dunlea.

He also visited the visual arts centre at Parndon Mill where ceramic artist Angelika Hinton was one of several artists he met.

Mr Javid was so impressed with her apple bowl design that he bought one for his mother.

"It is a wonderful day to visit Harlow," he said afterwards. "This town is a cultural bastion in the east of England."

"Both the Gibberd Gallery and Parndon Mill are great examples of grassroots and community art."

Mr Halfon added: "Sajid saw some of the best art here today and examples of why Harlow is one of the best towns in Britain."

"I thank the project director Roger Lee, curator Sally Anderson and Gibberd Gallery director Corinna Dunlea for showcasing the best of Harlow."



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Cash donation for charity which helps sick children

A PACKAGING firm has made a £1,000 donation to an organisation that helps improve the lives of young people with life-limiting illnesses.

Kite Packaging, based on Lovet Road, Harlow, gave the money to Broxbourne-based charity Teens Unite, who provide care and services for 13-24 year olds fighting cancer and other life threatening illnesses across the UK.

Teens Unite were the charity of choice for Kite Packaging after all seven national offices of the firm were given a £1,000 grant to donate to a charity.

Debbie Pezzani, chief executive and founder of Teens Unite, said: "£1,000 will make a significant difference here at Teens Unite and we are so grateful for the kind and generous support of Kite Packaging."

Teens Unite remain the only charity in the UK to provide long-term, ongoing social support from the moment a young person is diagnosed, throughout their treatment and during remission.

The charity helps young people to rebuild their confidence and self-esteem.



SUPPORT: Yeldem Christodoulou of Teens Unite with Craig Clarke and Paul Mustard from Kite

Tributes paid to ex-council chief

MEP leads praise to calm and talented manager

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TRIBUTES have been paid to former Harlow Council general manager Dermot Byrne, who has died at the age of 68.

Mr Byrne was at the helm of the council during the 1980s and 1990s, a time when local authorities were faced with spending caps imposed by central government.

The son of Irish immigrants, who moved to England before the war, he was born at Queen Charlotte's Hospital in 1946.

He gained a place at Cardinal Vaughan Grammar School in London and was the first member of his family to go to university, reading geography at Durham.

It was there he became a student political leader and campaigner, protesting against the apartheid regime in South Africa. He was once arrested for charging on to rugby pitches in protest at the Springboks tour.

It was also at Durham that he first met his future wife. The couple were married in Birmingham in 1969.

While reading for his masters at Glasgow University he discovered his passion for the idealism of the new town movement which resulted in his working first as a planner with Runcorn Council and then, in 1975, to Newham where he worked on the regeneration of the Docklands.

Three years later on St Patrick's Day in 1978, he started working at Harlow Council as a young chief officer.

His son, Labour MP Liam Byrne, said this week: "I used to



TALENTED: Dermot Byrne

talk to Dad a lot about Harlow. His service was my own inspiration to get stuck into politics. I remember he paid my Labour membership dues when I was just 15.

"To his dying days he drew inspiration from the idealism that built the town, for example helping me write a speech I delivered to Burnt Mill late last year about how Harlow showed just what can be done even when times are tough.

"It was a town we founded and built so working people could have a better life – a good job and a decent home – even while we still had rationing. He was deeply influenced by the Catholic sense of social justice that he grew up with as a boy and brought to life a brilliant mix of 'can do' and compassion. He was ambitious for the town and wanted it to be the best it

could be."

He added: "He saw public service as the greatest calling. It was one of the greatest moments for me that he could see me sworn in as a member of parliament."

Harlow Council chairman Ian Beckett paid tribute to Mr Byrne. "Many of his friends who worked with him at the council remember him fondly and there are still colleagues who work at the council today who remember the contribution Dermot made to Harlow's community services," he said.

Former council leader and current Essex MEP Richard Howitt added: "Dermot Byrne was quite simply one of the most talented local government officials of his generation in the country and I count myself lucky to have worked with him and Harlow very fortunate to have attracted his talents.

"As first head of community services he helped establish Kingsmoor House and many other of the much-valued facilities of the town. Later I had the privilege of working with him to achieve the town's first economic development strategy, and to win the boundary change which enabled the development of Church Langley.

"Dermot was passionate about Harlow, brought up his own family in the town and today deserves his own place in the history of the new town."

Mr Byrne passed away at Princess Alexandra Hospital on Thursday following a short illness. His funeral will take place at St Thomas More Church in Upper Park on Saturday at noon.

Strictly stars judge dance competition

STRICTLY Come Dancing stars husband and wife team James and Ola Jordan will be bringing some star appeal to a night of dancing to raise money for the Essex Air Ambulance.

Strictly Air Ambulance will take place at Charter Hall, Colchester, tomorrow (Friday) with James and Ola offering feedback to the six contestants performing.

Although Ola will not be taking to the dance floor as she is recovering after breaking her leg during Channel 4 show The Jump, the audience will be treated to two show-stopping performances by James and his dance partner.

Hosted by Su Harrison from Heart FM's breakfast show, the dance extravaganza will see six couples

battle it out on the floor. Two contestants are members of the Essex Ambulance air crew.

Captain Nick Clarkson and critical care paramedic Erica Ley will be swapping their flight suits for lyrca and sequins in the hope of being crowned Strictly Air Ambulance 2015 champion.

Wendy Marcon-Knightley, events manager at Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Trust, said: "This is a chance for strictly and dance fans along with Essex Air Ambulance supporters to enjoy show stopping dancing and world class entertainment, all in aid of their local air ambulance charity."

Ola Jordan won Strictly Come Dancing in 2009 when she partnered BBC sports journalist and broadcaster Chris Hollins.

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Plan to stop teenagers missing out on support

HARLOW-based youth charity YCT has welcomed the Government's £1.25bn investment into mental health care of young people.

Care and Support Minister Norman Lamb announced plans for a five year overhaul to stop vulnerable young people from missing out on vital support.

The funding boost will mean new access and waiting time standards will be introduced while specialist talking therapies would be made available in every area of the country. Other proposals include developing self-referral online, tackling mental health stigma and providing greater training for GPs and others who work with children and young people in schools.

The plans will have an impact on the lives of young people supported by YCT, which supports vulnerable youngsters from its base in Maddox Road.

YCT director Lindsay Fox said: "The investment ensures that we can maintain what is done well already, and also that improvements to help young people get the low level support they need before their situation gets worse."

"I would hope these changes ensure that young people do not end up going up tiers before they can get help. The system needs to be reorganised and I welcome these changes."

Run, swim and cycle in charity fundraiser

Budding athletes hoping to bring in cash for CALM

William Mata

william.mata@hertsessexnews.co.uk

ATHLETES are being urged to sign up for a mini-triathlon to raise money for a Harlow charity.

The Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Triple Challenge, which involves swimming, cycling (9k) and running (5k), is open to people of all abilities including beginners.

The event is being organised by personal trainer and Harlow business owner Caroline Collins and Harlow Star news editor Gemma Gardner.

It will be held at The Manor of Groves hotel in High Wych on Sunday, July 5 and raise money for charity The CALM Centre, which is based at the Latton Bush Centre.

The CALM Centre was established in 1988 initially as the Harlow Well Woman Centre. It offers one-to-one counselling and self-development workshops.

Gemma, 31, who is also a director at CALM, said: "CALM is small charity that is helping to change the lives of people across Harlow."

"As with a lot of small charities obtaining funding is becoming



READY, SET, GO: Personal trainer Caroline Collins with Harlow Star news editor Gemma Gardner

increasingly difficult and bringing in money through fundraising is vital."

She added: "For the past nine months I have been training with Caroline."

"So when Caroline decided she wanted to organise a charity event I thought what better to test my new found fitness as well as

raise much-needed funds for CALM."

The event will be split into two distances to cater for all abilities and will be held within a gym environment.

Caroline said: "I like to keep my clients motivated with various tasks, challenges and events and it was actually a client that suggested that Team HBHM should organise a charity event so I got my thinking cap on and with the amazing support from the MOG and Gemma, the Healthy Body Healthy Mind Triple Challenge was born."

To take part or for more details contact Caroline at caroline@hbhm.co.uk or call 07801 429668.

In brief

Stroke survivor holds a fundraiser for charity

AN inspirational stroke survivor will be holding a charity burlesque evening to raise money for Stroke Awareness.

Anna Higgs, 36, of Fullers Mead, Harlow, suffered a devastating stroke on Christmas Day 2004, a month after giving birth.

During her recovery she took up dancing.

She is now looking to raise awareness and support for fellow stroke sufferers and will be holding the evening of fun, glitz and glamour at Park Inn Hotel, Southern Way, at 7.30pm on Saturday, May 2.

Tickets for the burlesque dancing, raffle and party start from £12 and can be obtained by contacting Anna on 08958487644 or higgsa@sky.com.

Budding entrepreneurs wanted for competition

ESSEX & Herts Air Ambulance Trust is looking for five secret entrepreneurs to take part in a brand new fundraising initiative.

The charity, which is based at North Weald, will be investing £500 in five entrepreneurs with the best and most creative fundraising ideas to turn the money into £5,000.

After a grilling by the EHAAT Guardians the top four candidates will be selected to receive the £500 investment and a fifth candidate will be chosen via a public vote.

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JOINT WINNERS: Stephon Brown, left, and Chester Stuart with Cllr Hawkins

Village honours its citizens of the year

Winners applauded for their contributions to community

A MAN who helps keep the streets of North Weald clean and a postman praised for his acts of kindness are among the winners of North Weald Bassett Parish Council's annual Citizen of the Year awards.

Stephon Brown and Chester Stuart were named joint winners of the 'Going That Extra Mile' category of

Mr Brown, a local road sweeping operative, received glowing testimonials from a number of residents who said that not only does he keep the village streets of clean but he is also very helpful to residents.

Postman Mr Stuart was honoured for his efficiency his community spirit and for the help he gives to the elderly and disabled.

Joint winners of the individual award for voluntary services to the community were Margaret Mulliner and Elaine Davis

Margaret, who lives in North Weald, regularly helps at the monthly ploughman's lunches, the North Weald branch of the Royal British Legion, North Weald Village Hall, North Weald Bassett Preservation Society and other events such as litter picks in the village and around the village hall.

Active

Elaine, who lives at Thornwood Common, is a member of the Parish Hall Management Committee and has taken an active role in the car park fund raising effort. She is also a helper at the village hall and North Weald Airfield Museum, contributes to the newsletter and is the newly-elected allotment warden for Thornwood Common.

North Weald Bassett Preservation Society picked up the group award for protecting the environment. The society meets monthly and appoints tree wardens, organises litter picks and takes an interest in local issues.

The group award for providing a service within the community went to North Weald Library Knit Lit Group which meets weekly at North Weald Library. Members meet to discuss books, take along their knitting and offer advice.

North Weald Bassett Parish Council chairman Cyril Hawkins, who presented the awards during the annual parish assembly at Thornwood Village Hall on Monday, said: "The calibre of the nominations was very strong and the quality of the winners shows just what a community-minded place North Weald parish is."

"The awards allow the parish council to applaud the contributions that both individuals and local groups make to ensuring that North Weald, Hastingwood and Thornwood are truly great places to live."



CONGRATULATIONS: Margaret Mulliner, left, and Elaine Brown receive their certificates



GROUP WINNERS: Above, North Weald Bassett Preservation Society and, below, North Weald Library Knit Lit Group



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Schoolboy's **design** to appear on new £1 coin

A TEENAGER has won a competition to design the reverse side of the new £1 coin . . . but you won't be finding it in your change for another two years.

More than 6,000 entries were received but it was the creation of 15-year-old schoolboy David Pearce, from Walsall, which was declared the winner.

His design features the four plants associated with the four nations that make up the UK – a rose (England), a thistle (Scotland), a leek (Wales) and a shamrock (Northern Ireland).

(Northern Ireland). The new coin is about the same size as the current one but it has 12 edges and is coloured gold and silver like its bigger brother, the £2 coin. It is due to go into circulation in 2017.

"I was really excited to hear I had



won the competition but hugely shocked as well," said David. "I heard about the competition through my design teacher at school and I thought I had nothing to lose so I decided to enter."

"I spent a lot of time researching what coin designs looked like and what sort of designs would represent all parts of the UK before submitting my idea."

He was told he had won the competition in a telephone call from the Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne.

George Osborne.
“The competition captured the imagination of thousands of people and David’s winning design will be recognised by millions in the years ahead,” said Mr Osborne.



- **NAME:** Stefan (member 20142)
- **ADDRESS:** Waterhouse Moor, Harlow
- **BIRTHDAY:** March 27, 2011
- **SCHOOL:** Little Treasures Pre-School
- **LIKES:** Football, wrestling
- **DISLIKES:** Sleeping
- **FOUROURIE FOOD:** Spaghetti bolognaise

- **LEAST FAVOURITE:** Peas
- **FAVOURITE BOOK:** Cars
- **FAVOURITE FILM:** Planes 2: Fire & Rescue
- **FAMILY:** Brother Andre (13) and twin sister Melanie (3)
- **PETS:** A cat called Pops and fish
- **WANTS TO BE:** Not sure yet

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10 ways The Budget will HELP HARLOW FAMILIES

The Facts

FUEL DUTY FROZEN

Fuel duty increase scrapped for a 4th year in a row, leaving motorists £10 better off on average each time they fill up.



£1.5 M FOR AIR AMBULANCE

An extra £1.5 Million will be provided to Herts and Essex Air Ambulance, funded by banks fined in the LIBOR scandal.



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BEER DUTY CUT

Beer duty cut for 3rd year in a row, taking 1p off each pint and 2% off cider - supporting pubs, brewers and jobs.



MINIMUM WAGE INCREASED

The minimum wage will increase by 20p to £6.70 an hour; the biggest rise in real terms for 7 years. The apprentice minimum wage will also increase by 20%.

HIGHER TAX FREE INCOME

The tax free allowance will rise to £10,800 next year, and to £11,000 the year after, making typical taxpayers £900 better off.

BUSINESS TAX CUT

Business taxes will be cut to 20%, freeing up extra money for businesses to employ more people and boost job growth.

SAVINGS TAXES ABOLISHED

17 million people will see tax on their non-ISA savings abolished, meaning tax free banking for nearly everyone in Harlow.

PROTECTING PENSIONERS

The State Pension has been linked to earnings - and is now £950 higher than it was in 2010.

Chancellor hails Robert Halfon "Parliament's great champion on fuel tax cuts" in Budget speech

- Harlow Star Headline, 18 March 2015



More fantastic news for the people [re minimum wage increase], all thanks to you Rob. Good work!! Again!
- Yvonne Marrs, Local Resident



Brilliant news, congratulations and thanks again for all your hard work in getting the fuel duty increase scrapped!
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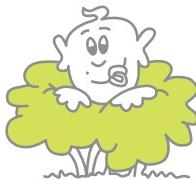
All are welcome to join us to celebrate and formally mark the opening of Little Saints Pre-School by Robert Halfon MP for Harlow.

This exciting event is free with lots of fun craft and other activities including an Easter egg hunt. Little Saints Pre-School opened its doors in September 2014 and provides a wonderful creative learning environment within the beautiful grounds and gardens of Saint Nicholas School.

Little Saints is open from 7.30am-6.00pm for morning, afternoon and all day sessions. Healthy meals are provided by our on-site catering team.

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Education



FINISHED WITH A FLOURISH: One Milwards pupil adds toppings to his pizza base

Children can't top tasty time at pizzeria

CHILDREN in the reception class at Milwards Primary School in Harlow got a slice of the action when they helped to make pizza during a trip to an Italian restaurant to learn about the catering process.

The group of youngsters from

the Paringdon Road school were invited to the premises of Pizza Express at The Water Gardens to make and decorate their own pizzas for a tasty lunch.

Teacher John Wix said: "The children had a fantastic time tasting ingredients, rolling out

the dough and being involved in the whole process.

"We would like to say a big thank you to everyone at the restaurant for making our trip special, especially Lucas the pizzaiolo who showed off his pizza-tossing skills."

Show taking you back to the 1980s

Musical harked back to era of Rubik's Cube

William Mata

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A CAST of 50 students from Stewards Academy in Harlow took to the stage for a show which told of high school hopes and heartbreak.

During four performances of Back To The 80s, they transported audiences to the decade of the Rubik's Cube, blue eye-shadow and some of the most popular show songs ever written.

The show was seen by more than 1,000 people including 330 Year 6 pupils from 10 of the town's primary schools.

Dedication

The performances were the result of six months of hard work in rehearsals which highlighted the importance of dedication and determination to all those involved.

The production benefited from a recent upgrade to the lighting, video projection and special effects technology in the Parnall Road school's main hall, allowing



ALL STARS: Students rehearsed for six months and performed to pupils from 10 schools

high-quality teaching in the surrounding of theatre.

Speaking after the final performance, Stewards headteacher Rhonda Murthar said: "The number of pupils in the audience, both from within and outside of the school community, signifies the support and encouragement that

Harlow's young people have for each other.

"The performing arts team brings out the very best in young people who showcase their talent on stage.

"Congratulations to all the performers for what was a highlight of the school year and will live long in the memories of all those privileged to be a part of it."

Bard at work throughout World Book Day

WHILE most schools were celebrating World Book Day, staff and pupils at Roydon Primary School dedicated a whole week to England's greatest playwright, William Shakespeare.

On one of the days teacher Sophia Ovonen read from the works of the Bard to encourage the children to read at home while on another days the children and teachers dressed up as characters from Shakespeare's plays.

His works were also brought to life when David Baker, from West



THE PLAY'S THE THING: Pupils and teachers dressed up as Shakespearean characters

End In Schools, spent a day working with the whole school to create a play in a day. Each of the

seven classes were taught a section from of A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Year 3 teacher Laure Spring, who organised the week's events, said: "We like to encourage reading for pleasure so we do lots of fun things around reading to get the children passionate about it.

"Our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils all study Shakespeare so they develop a love of it rather than the potential of seeing it as a chore when they hit secondary school."

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GIG GUIDE

LOOKING UP:
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OPEN MIKE NIGHT WITH MITCHEL AND TALBOT

Where: The Shark, Harlow
When: Thursday, March 26
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Where: The Cock, The Street, Sheering
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Where: The Herald, Broadley Road, Harlow
When: Friday, March 27
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Where: The Square, Harlow
When: Friday, March 27
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FUBAR

Where: The Cock Inn, Harlow
When: Friday, March 27
How Much: Free

JOHN FLEMING

Where: Burnt Mill Snooker & Social Club, Harlow
When: Saturday, March 28
How Much: £2.50 (non-members)

ARCHIVE

Where: Harlow War Memorial Snooker & Social Club, Harlow
When: Saturday, March 28
How Much: £2 (non-members)

REPERTOIRE DOGS

Where: The Shark, Harlow
When: Saturday, March 28
How Much: Free

GOAT PATROL

Where: Essex Skipper, Harlow
When: Saturday, March 28
How Much: Free

ART EXHIBITIONS

PAPER SCISSORS STONE

WHERE: The Galley, Parndon Mill, Harlow
WHEN: Until April 6
COST: Free

MORE: An imaginative and thought-provoking body of work based around the re-shaping of paper, narrative and meaning by four artists – Janie Graham, Caroline Lumb, Jo Howe and Hilary Taylor. Books, newspaper and other objects or settings are used in a way that re-interprets both the materials and the world around us. Very different yet complementary styles of work make this an exciting and engaging exhibition. The galley is open Tuesday - Friday from 10am to 5pm and on Sunday from 2pm to 4pm (Good Friday and Easter Monday 2 -4pm).

LIGHT, ART, ACTION

WHERE: Gibberd Gallery, Harlow Civic Centre
WHEN: Until March 27
COST: Free

MORE: Inspired by local sculpture and original music from emerging composers, dancers, artists and theatre designers join together to transform the space into a magical set.

ROBIN HOOD calls

ROBIN Hood and his Merry Men will be leaving Sherwood Forest and heading for Harlow this Easter for an out of season, but equally fun, pantomime.

With a cast that includes former ITV presenter Chris Edgerley and Britain's Got Talent impressionist Phillip Green, Robin Hood's star line up promises fun for kids and smarter humour for adults.

However, unlike the film and TV adaptions, this touring play will offer a new take on the tale with added songs and sing-a-longs.

But despite the music there is a familiarity about how the plot unfolds with Robin recruiting a band of loyal merry men to rob from the rich and give to the poor while challenging the evil rule of the Sheriff of Nottingham.

The plot develops when the Sheriff kidnaps Maid Marion, leaving Robin and co. to come and rescue her.

The show will be running at Harlow's Playhouse Theatre from Saturday, April 4 to Thursday, April 9, with a matinee and evening performance every day.

Best known for his five year stint presenting CITV series Hi-5, acting is not a new venture for Chris, who was trained on stage and has gone onto appear in Emmerdale and Breathless.

"We are making a mock production, with a bit of a Spamatol feel," said Chris, referencing the famous Monty

Python stage show.

"All of us are playing very bright, bold, unsuitable characters but I think it's got some balls to it. Robin is a gritty character and not the typical Prince Charming."

"I've never played Robin before, but I like the character and how he has to keep the merry men in order but also tries to woo Maid Marion (played by Amanda Swift)."

"Marion keeps playing hard to get and Robin has to really get his act together to impress her, it's great fun and I've really enjoyed working alongside Amanda."

Since finishing his work with ITV, Chris has gone onto star in pantomimes as Buttons in Cinderella and in Aladdin. He said his turns in these roles caught the eye of Tom Swift, who put the play together.

"I have known Tom for several years through productions and when he decided he was doing Robin Hood he asked me to do it right away."

"I'm really excited about the play, and it's all gone really quickly so far," he said four days into rehearsals.

"In Harlow we're going to be playing five days and doing 10 shows in all over Easter. They are definitely going to enjoy it, especially as many of the cast have been here before and the audience will be looking out for some of their favourite actors. There is a real spirit of theatre in the town and it's great to see The Playhouse so well supported."

"I've never performed in Harlow before, but I've heard a lot about the audiences always up for being a laugh."

Tom agrees: "I know we're going to get some parents bring their children along, and think 'oh no I've got to sit through a kids show' but they end up getting really into it."

"They always love to get involved."

Chris is currently dividing his time between preparing for Robin Hood by day, and starring in West End Marilyn Monroe musical Norma Jeane by night.

"Both plays are just so completely different and I enjoy doing them both," he said,

"I have done a lot of singing over the years it was how I trained. My stage performances were what originally opened doors for me, I love it."

Harlow fan favourite Tom Swift has been a pantomime regular for years, appearing as Simple Simon, Muddles the Jester and Wishy Washy, but this time will be playing well-meaning but intellectually challenged Silly Willy Scarlet.

His talents extend far beyond acting too, as he was the creative pair of hands that helped turn the story into a musical.

"The story lends itself to song really well, and there are lots of opportunities for a musical number. Big John and Little John have a funny song, while Jamie Bannerman, who plays the villainous Sheriff of Nottingham has one of his own.

"All of the songs are very

tongue in cheek and the love song between Robin and Marion has them literally singing 'this is a love song,'" he laughs.

The cast is completed by Josh Bennett and Phillip Green, who play comedy duo Big and Little John.

Josh is best known for appearing in Channel 4 documentary Seven Dwarves, where he lived in a Big Brother style environment in a shared house with cameras everywhere. He said the intense experience was good for his career but was something he would be reluctant to ever do again.

His difference in size as Big John compared to Phillip Green's Little John is one of the shows jokes, and Phillip says he can't wait to get going:

"It's stupid but it's good at the same time, and it's just my kind of humour," he said.

Phillip's comedy impressions took him all the way to the semi-finals on Britain's Got Talent in 2013 and has since branched out into acting.

"Those buzzers are so loud, I was really relieved to get through the whole show without being buzzed."

"Maybe that's why I kept my routine so short" he laughed.

The cast will be kicking off their UK tour in Lowestoft and will take Robin Hood all over the country before finishing in Bradford at the end of May.

■ Tickets start from £15.50 with family discount available for the Harlow shows.



MEET THE GANG: Robin Hood, his Merry Men and Maid Marion

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FAMOUS COUPLE: Chris Edgerley stars as Robin Hood and Amanda Swift plays Maid Marion

Kafka's surreal story comes to life

REVIEW: METAMORPHOSIS
Moot House Players
The Stow, Harlow

MOOT Hall was transformed into an oppressive arena of despair, greed and alienation in this bold and imaginative production.

Under the firm yet sensitive direction of Kerry Rowland, Steven Berkoff's nightmarish play based on Franz Kafka's surreal novel came to life in all its gruesome glory.

The story revolves around hard-working travelling salesman Gregor Samsa, the sole support for his parents and younger sister Greta. Put-upon and harassed, he wakes one morning to find himself

transformed into a huge insect.

After their initial shock has worn off, his family work together to deal with the horrific situation, keeping the now-speechless Gregor locked in his bedroom and refusing to seek outside help. He is their guilty secret and, aside from feeding him and endeavouring to keep his room clean, they carry on as normal, focusing on their own selfish needs and desires.

In the demanding role of Gregor, Dan Powell delivered a towering and energetic performance, writhing in agony at both his physical transformation and his subsequent inability to communicate with his family. It was a perfect portrayal of

alienation through abandonment.

Acting as ringmaster for the whole ghastly circus is the unemployed Mr Samsa, fretting about the family finances and how to keep Gregor's transformation from the neighbours. Geoffrey Leeds gave a finely nuanced performance as the mercurial father; self-centred and bullish as he barked heartless orders at his family, yet smug and preening as he donned the uniform for his new part-time job.

MHP newcomer Tori Tyler was sparky and assured as Greta, initially very concerned for her brother but graduating to apathy and acceptance of his situation as her own hopes for a

better future via a good marriage take hold.

As Gregor lies dying, only Mrs Samsa shows any real emotion and Claire Quley gave a superb portrayal of maternal love and loss. But even she appears anxious to move on, fussing over newly acquired lodgers (Mike Rees and Melissa Jones) and looking forward to a house move.

With a stark, dramatic set, designed by Paul Regeli, and a distinct lack of props – much of the action was executed through skilful mime – this was a gripping and thought-provoking production that lived on in the memory long after the applause had died down.

Caitlin Foley

WHAT'S ON



CELEBRATION: Elio Pace plays the music of Billy Joel

CLOSE TO HOME

WHERE: Victoria Hall Theatre, Old Harlow
WHEN: Thursday, March 26 - Saturday, March 28

COST: £11 (£9 concessions)
MORE: Class Act Theatre School present this family saga of laughter and tears set during the Second World War, directed by Simon Mawdsley and Caroline Petherbridge.

THE BILLY JOEL SONGBOOK

WHERE: The Playhouse, Harlow
WHEN: Thursday, March 26
COST: £18-£21

MORE: Following on from his highly-acclaimed 'Billy Joel Original Touring Band' concerts, Elio Pace is touring the UK with his celebration of the music of Billy Joel. Featuring the hits Uptown Girl, Just The Way You Are and My Life plus many more, it is a wonderful opportunity to experience live performances from the Billy Joel songbook by dynamic singer/songwriter Pace supported by his six-piece band.

JOHN PETTER'S JAZZ

WHERE: St John's Arts & Recreation centre, Old Harlow
WHEN: Thursday, March 26

COST: £10
MORE: New Orleans-style clarinet/saxophonist King and Sammy Rimmington perform with the John Petters New Orleans Jazz Kings. Call 01406 365731 for ticket details.

PUPPETRY OF THE PENIS

WHERE: The Playhouse, Harlow
WHEN: Friday, March 27

COST: £17.50-£21.50
MORE: From London's West End to New York's Broadway, the two Australian stars of this show have stretched themselves to the limit performing the hilarious ancient art of genital origami. Delivering an unforgettable evening of comic brilliance, they manipulate their genitals into various shapes, objects and landmarks while a video camera projects the images on to a large screen ensuring that little can be missed! Be warned: Puppetry of the Penis is a non-sexual show featuring full frontal male nudity.

BE-BOP-A-LULA

WHERE: The Playhouse, Harlow
WHEN: Saturday, March 28

COST: £19-£22
MORE: Join Be Bop A Lula for the biggest rock n roll party in town with a live band playing the music of Eddie Cochran, Gene Vincent, Billy Fury and Roy Orbison.

PASHA KOVALEV - LIFE THROUGH DANCE

WHERE: The Playhouse, Harlow
WHEN: Sunday, March 29

COST: £29 (sold out, check with box office for returns)
MORE: In this amazing new show, Strictly Come Dancing star Pasha and his troupe of dancers promise to transport the audience into the world of ballroom and latin dance with all its glitter and sequence. The show is a non-stop action journey through life and love expressed through the language of dance. The production will feature breathtaking choreography, sensational music and amazing costumes.



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It may be a cartoon, but playing Pirate Burger-Beard in The SpongeBob Movie wasn't child's play... **Antonio Banderas** tells **Jeananne Craig** about the painful secret under all that villainous facial fuzz

If you find yourself whooping with laughter during the new SpongeBob SquarePants film, you might want to spare a thought for poor Antonio Banderas.

Playing Pirate Burger-Beard in the comedy – a mix of live action and animation – required the Spanish star to don long, ratty locks and a fake beard big enough to house several small animals.

"At six o'clock every morning, this kind of hairy tsunami came to me. It was like a bear attacked me and it stayed there for the rest of the day," the 54-year-old says with a groan.

"After three days with the glue and the amount of hair attached to my face, my skin started getting irritated, so I had to shave off the glue, literally, with a razor, every day."

Matters were made worse each time villainous Burger-Beard was required to emit a loud cackle.

"Every time he laughed, my moustache got detached, so more glue... Maybe watching the movie, I'll say, 'Oh yes, I can see the pain in my face,'" adds Banderas, whose skin is now clear and clean-shaven again.

The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out Of Water is based on the hugely popular Nickelodeon TV series, following the lives of fast food worker SpongeBob and his pals in Bikini Bottom.

When the top secret recipe for his Krabby Patty burgers is stolen, SpongeBob must join forces with arch rival Plankton to prevent Burger-Beard from capitalising on the delicious delicacies.

Hilarity follows as SpongeBob and his gang – including Squidward, Patrick the sea star and Mr Krabs the crustacean –

bag themselves some superpowers (with SpongeBob landing a six-pack and becoming the bubble-blowing Incredibubble) and head to the 3D real world to track down their enemy.

As the only 'live' character in the film, Banderas had to act opposite tennis balls and brooms before the special effects team got to work adding his co-stars.

And despite the itchy beard and the hot days on location in Savannah, Georgia, Banderas – who announced his split from wife of 18 years Melanie Griffith in 2014 – found filming "a lot of fun".

"My daughter [Stella, Banderas and Griffith's 18-year-old] and I love SpongeBob, and I'd be a fool to turn down the chance to share the screen with such an iconic presence," he adds.

Family

While Stella hasn't decided on her career path yet, her older half-sister Banderas' former stepdaughter Dakota Johnson (from Griffith's previous marriage to actor Don Johnson), has followed in her family's footsteps.

The 25-year-old played leading lady and S&M novice Anastasia Steele in this year's hotly anticipated *Fifty Shades Of Grey* adaptation.

"We all knew in the family that she's a great actress, and surprisingly not only a good dramatic actress, she's very good with comedy," notes Banderas, who says he hasn't watched *Fifty Shades* yet. "We're very confident that she is driving her career properly."

Banderas still possesses the good looks that helped propel him to fame, along with some laughter lines around his eyes

and silver flecks in his hair.

The star – whose ex-wife is rumoured to have gone under the knife to preserve her looks – says male actors don't face the same image pressures as female stars. Still; what's his secret?

"If you take life in a natural way and you accept the passage of time, which is impossible to stop – never pretend to fight the impossible and the certainties that come with existence," he starts.

"I try to be as natural as possible. I understand though, especially [for] women, the tremendous pressure that they receive in a place like Hollywood, where thousands of new girls arrive every year all fresh and new, and when you're getting to a certain age, they can feel the push of these things..."

"It's more cruel unfortunately for women than men. There's a social convention that allows men to grow older and not be so criticised and pushed about beauty, and for women it's different."

"It's ridiculous, but that's the way that we created image around ourselves."

Born to a police officer and a teacher in Malaga, Banderas' own career began on the stage.

In fact, before he appeared in professional projects, he was treading the boards in plays for children in the late Seventies.

"I was very young, 17 years old, performing characters that were actually very close to this pirate," he recalls, his Spanish accent still strong.

■ The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out Of Water is in cinemas from this Friday, March 27



Branagh's Cinders shackled to the past

Cinderella

FANTASY/ROMANCE: (U) 113 minutes

Director: Kenneth Branagh
Starring: Lily James, Richard Madden, Cate Blanchett, Holliday Grainger, Sophie McShera, Helena Bonham Carter, Stellan Skarsgård

SPLAVISHLY adapted from Disney's classic 1950 animated musical, Kenneth Branagh's live action version of the fairy-tale romance doesn't skimp on the period detail.

Sandy Powell's luxurious costumes, Dante Ferretti's opulent set designs and Patrick Doyle's sweeping orchestral score conjure a magical world of unerring love in which even we gasp at the gargantuan splendour of the grand ball where the prince must choose his wife.



While this Cinderella unquestionably dazzles the senses, screenwriter Chris Weitz is shackled to fond memories of the hand-drawn film and consequently, he has almost no room for flourishes of originality.

Before all of the jiggery-pokery with a pumpkin, four mice and a goose, Ella (Lily James) is consigned to the kitchen by her vindictive stepmother Lady Tremaine (Cate Blanchett) and brattish

stepsisters, Anastasia (Holliday Grainger) and Drizella (Sophie McShera).

Emboldened by the dying words of her mother (Hayley Atwell) – "Have courage and be kind" – Ella tries to rise above the bullying.

When the name-calling becomes too frightful, she escapes on horseback and catches the eye of the dashing Prince (Richard Madden), who must pick a bride at the behest of the dying King (Derek Jacobi).

So the Prince throws a lavish ball where Ella makes her grand entrance then disappears as the clock chimes midnight, leaving behind footwear that would surely pose a health and safety risk in any other film.

"Find that girl – the forgetful one who loses her shoes!" decrees the Captain of

the royal guard (Nonzo Anosie).

Cinderella will enchant a generation of girls, who dream of donning the tiara of a Disney princess.

James and Madden are an attractive screen pairing, while Blanchett draws inspiration from Joan Crawford to cast a formidable shadow from beneath the brim of her character's extravagant hats.

"I do love a happy ending, don't you?" gushes one of the characters.

The main feature is preceded by the animated short *Frozen Fever*, which continues the adventures of sisters Anna (voiced by Kristen Bell) and Elsa (Idina Menzel) as they prepare for a birthday celebration.

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Get BAKING for EASTER

Hit a sweet note this Easter and give these lovely bakes a whirl. **Keeley Bolger** heads to the Good Housekeeping Institute for a biscuit-making masterclass and comes out with some fantastic results

The UK splashes out around £365million every year on Easter eggs. It's big business. In fact, in 2014, we scoffed 92 million Cadbury Creme Eggs, while Thorntons are currently re-stocking their shelves with some three million Harry Hopalot chocolate bunnies.

But if your favourite egg has already flown off the shelves, or you've had your fill of chocolate, you could try making some alternative sugary hits instead.

I head to the Good Housekeeping Institute for a masterclass with cook Cher Loh, who is here to teach me and a batch of other merry bakers, how to whizz up some Easter biscuits.

He reassures us they are "easy to make" – and for us, it's made all the easier by the fact that Loh has already mixed up and chilled some dough.

After rolling some out on the work surface, I'm just about to hastily shove my biscuit-cutter into the middle when Loh stops me.

"Start from the edge of dough, so you get as many biscuits as possible from it," he advises.

After cutting out all our biscuits, they're arranged on parchment and re-chilled, before baking in the oven

and then being left to cool.

Next comes the fun part – decorating.

With a steady hand and using a tasteful palette of three pastel colours, Loh pipes neat lines, squiggles and lattices onto each of his biscuits. They look like edible works of art when he's finished.

But with a stack of errands to run and a tendency to become impatient with baking, I stick with a simple pink squiggle, yellow line and pale blue zig-zag on mine.

They look a little childlike compared to Loh's (and the other bakers' in the class), who've carefully piped their names, Easter messages and woodland creatures onto theirs.

Still, it's the effort that counts, right? And while baking biscuits from scratch has taken a bit more effort than my usual supermarket dash, it's a lot more fun giving out handmade gifts, and I'm pleased to report that my batch is met with approval from my colleagues the next day.

To try your hand at making your own Easter treats, here are three recipes from the Good Housekeeping Institute...

Iced Easter Biscuits

MAKES 10

Ingredients

75g unsalted butter, softened, plus extra to grease
100g caster sugar
40g condensed milk
1 medium egg, beaten
Finely grated zest of 1/2 orange or 1/2 lemon
1/2tsp baking powder
200g plain flour, plus extra to dust
Pinch of salt
For the icing:
100g icing sugar
Food colouring pastes
Ribbon, to decorate (optional)

Method

Put the butter, sugar and condensed milk into a large bowl. Mix with a wooden spoon until pale and fluffy. Next, beat in the egg a little at a time, then add the zest, followed by the baking powder, flour and a pinch of salt. Bring together with your hands, then wrap in cling film and chill for 30 minutes.

Lightly grease two large baking sheets with butter. Lightly flour a work surface and roll out the dough to 5mm thick. Stamp out Easter shapes, re-rolling the trimmings.

Arrange the biscuits on the prepared sheets. If you later want to thread a ribbon through the top, make a 5mm hole in each biscuit with a skewer. Chill for 15 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Bake the biscuits for 10-12 minutes until lightly golden. Loosen with a palette knife, then transfer them to a wire rack to cool completely.

For the icing, sift icing sugar into a bowl and add just enough water to make a thick, spreadable icing. Divide among small bowls and add colouring to each as needed. Pipe or spread over the biscuits and leave to set. If you like, you can thread ribbons through the biscuits and hang them up.

Hot Cross Buns

MAKES 12

Ingredients

300g strong white bread flour, plus extra to dust
1tsp mixed spice
25g cold unsalted butter, cut into cubes, plus extra to grease
50g caster sugar
Finely grated zest of 1/2 lemon
1x7g sachet fastaction dried yeast
170ml semi-skimmed milk, plus a dash more if needed
1 medium egg
75g sultanas or mixed fruit for the cross topping
1tbsp plain flour
1/2tsp salt
1tbsp golden syrup, to glaze

Method

Put the strong flour, mixed



TASTY TREATS:
Iced Easter biscuits and, below left, hot cross buns

spice, butter and half a teaspoon of salt into a food processor, and pulse until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Alternatively, rub the butter into the flour mixture using your fingers.

Add the sugar, lemon zest and yeast and pulse again (or stir) to combine. Empty the mixture into a large bowl and make a well in the centre. Gently heat the milk until it's just warm, then add the milk and egg to the flour bowl and stir quickly to make a soft dough. If the mixture feels too dry, you can add a little more cold milk. Dust a work surface with flour, then knead the dough for five minutes or until elastic. Transfer dough to a large, lightly greased bowl, cover with cling film, and leave in a warm place to rise for one hour.

Transfer the dough to a work surface and knead in the sultanas (you may need to flour the work surface again). Return the dough to the bowl, cover with cling film and leave to rise for 30 minutes.

Lightly grease a baking sheet with butter. Turn the dough out onto a floured work surface and divide into 12 equal pieces. Shape each into a ball, then flatten slightly. Arrange the balls on the baking sheet, spacing them a little apart. Cover with a clean tea towel and leave to rise for 45 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. To make the cross topping, put the flour into a small bowl and mix in just enough cold water to give it a smooth, pipeable consistency (about two tablespoons). Put the flour mixture into a piping bag (no

need for a nozzle), snip off the tip and, working quickly, pipe a cross on top of each bun.

Bake the buns for 15-18 minutes, or until golden and risen. As soon as they come out of the oven, brush with golden syrup. Then allow to cool completely on a wire rack – or eat warm with lashings of butter.

Simnel Cake

SERVES 12

Ingredients

225g butter, softened, plus extra to grease
225g self-raising flour
2tsp ground mixed spice
400g mixed dried fruit
150g light muscovado sugar
50g golden syrup
Finely grated zest of 2 lemons
4 medium eggs, lightly beaten
Icing sugar, to dust
250g marzipan
2tbsp apricot jam

Method

Preheat oven to 170C/150C fan/gas 3. Grease a 19cm round cake or springform tin with butter and line with baking parchment. In a large bowl, stir together the flour, mixed spice and dried fruit until combined. Put the butter, muscovado sugar, syrup and lemon zest into a separate large bowl and beat together using a hand-held electric whisk until pale and fluffy (about three minutes). Gradually beat in the eggs, whisking well after each

addition. Add flour mixture and fold in with a large metal spoon.

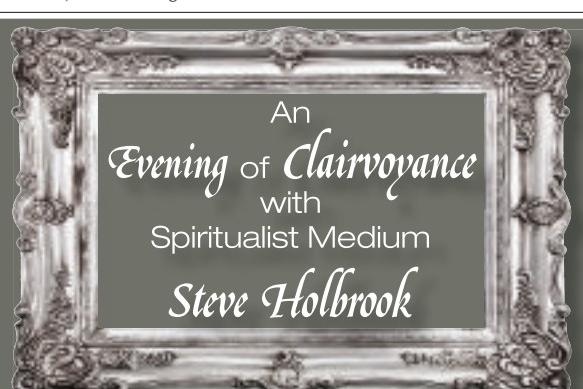
Empty the mixture into the prepared tin and bake. Cover with foil after one hour of cooking, then cook for a further 25 minutes, or until the cake is risen and springy to the touch. A skewer inserted into the centre should come out clean, but don't be tempted to test too early or the cake may sink. Leave to cool completely in the tin.

Take the cake out of the tin, peel off the parchment and transfer to a serving plate. To decorate, dust the work surface with icing sugar and roll out two-thirds of the marzipan until large enough for a 19cm circle (cut around base of cake tin).

Heat the jam with one teaspoon of water in a small pan over a medium heat until runny. Brush the top of the cake with some jam, then lay the marzipan circle on top and gently press down to stick. Using a small knife, score lines on top of the marzipan to make a diamond pattern. Crimp the edge of the marzipan using the thumb and forefinger of one hand, and the index finger of the other.

Roll the remaining marzipan into 11 equal-sized balls. Brush the underside of each with a little jam or water and stick to the top of the cake. If you like, you can use a blowtorch to lightly brown the marzipan balls.

■ All recipes from the Good Housekeeping Institute's Cookery School. To find out more about upcoming courses, visit www.goodhousekeeping.co.uk/institute/cookery-school/the-school



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EASTER traditions don't need to include chocolate eggs, delicious though they may be. Top festive traditions embrace bunnies, painting and even egg rolling for some Easter fun with a difference. Here are our favourites:



1. Egg painting. No, they don't taste as good as chocolate, but they look a lot prettier. Egg painting happens in many different cultures around the world – the most extravagant being in Poland, where eggs are painted gold.

2. Easter bunny. Tales of the Easter Bunny seem to have originated in Germany, where children believed a bunny came and left chocolate eggs for them to find. It's also where the delicious Easter nest cakes come from – as kids put down nests for the fabled bunny to lie in.

3. Egg rolling. Why eat your eggs when you could be rolling them down a hill? Best not to practise with chocolate eggs, as they'll end up squashed, gather up some friends, find a hill, and roll those eggs. Fastest one to

the bottom wins. The tradition is believed to be linked to the rolling away of the stone at Jesus' tomb.

4. Hot cross buns. Those who eschew eggs can still enjoy a sweet Easter treat with hot cross buns, which were originally enjoyed by pagans, but were taken to heart in Tudor times, when crossed buns were only to be eaten on Good Friday.

5. Fish supper. Christians often eat fish on Good Friday, as many abstain from eating meat to demonstrate a sacrifice for Jesus. Since he was also a fisherman, and one of the Christian symbols is a fish, the practice of eating fish instead has become common.



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ARIES MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

You don't have to know all the answers to get what you want. You just have to be receptive to change. Be open to suggestions and to changing your approach to working relationships. This is a great week to renegotiate existing contracts which you have been unhappy with for some time now. Take control. Ring now so I can help you shape and enjoy life more.

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TAURUS APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Money you were expecting may be late in coming. The good side to this news is that those who are involved will be responsive to alternative options and plans and new friendships and business ideas. You're building to base this week which will help you make the rest of the year a secure one. Remember who you are and what you want. Ring so I can help you be the best you can be.

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GEMINI MAY 22 - JUNE 21

What you thought to be fact could turn out to be fiction. You've had to do a lot of growing up so far this year and you've come out of it a better person. Trust your instincts. You may not know exactly what you want, but I know you're wrong. Gemini, do know, you've just been frightened to dream big. Ring my starline now to hear how unexpected visitors are a good omen.

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CANCER JUNE 22 - JULY 22

You now know that you cannot change a situation, but you can change the way you deal with it. Cancer: The sooner you do it, the sooner it will no longer be your problem. You'll have to deal with some strong characters but remember to talk, not shout, and you'll keep focused on what and who is really important to you. Ring me right now so I can give you clarity and grace.

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LEO JULY 23 - AUGUST 23

When you blame others you give up the power to control your life. Leave others to get on with what they're doing and write your life-list. It's more obtainable than you thought possible. Leo, I know you can do it and by the end of this week several other faces will have confirmed the faith I have in you also. Ring my starline right now so we can take the first step toward your future together.

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VIRGO AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 22

Why did you lose faith in yourself when others had it in abundance? I don't think you actually believed them did you Virgo? You will when you see what crescendo Friday's events bring to life. You're about to learn that drawing attention to yourself doesn't have to be for negative reasons but can actually be productive. Ring now for a peak at what's to unravel in your future.

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LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 23

Are you really doing things your way? Because to do anyone else's style other than your own can only see you with results which are not meant for your life. Be you and happiness will follow. A new attraction has made you shy. Remember that you're worthy of loving and being loved. Hold your head high Libra. Ring to hear why it's worth following up last week's work contacts.

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SCORPIO OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 21

Please stop pretending you want other's dreams and start admitting what your own are. You've been living a lie for several weeks now because you didn't trust your own judgment. Doing so this week brings proposals. Don't forget to act on the promises you made at the beginning of the month. Your word was your bond as far as a close one is concerned. Ring so I can tell you about the travel coming up.

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SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 20

You have so much to focus on at the moment that you'd be wise to use Monday to plan what needs to be done to ensure you still keep afloat and sans. Truth is Sagittarius, you can do what's required standing on your head and in actually fact you're not just aiming high enough! Think big, you have support in higher places than you thought my friend. Ring now to enjoy this week's travel.

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CAPRICORN DECEMBER 21 - JANUARY 20

I actually don't think you've been putting yourself first or looking after yourself as you should Capricorn. Try to think what makes you happy rather than just doing what others expect from you. You'll soon find yourself smiling more if you do. Last minute invites on Sunday can spark an important new relationship in your life. Phone me now. We have so much more to talk about.

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AQUARIUS JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Your ruling planet Saturn has made you your own worst task master recently and you may not know who to turn to for help with your load. By Tuesday you'll have several offers, you just have to learn to listen when others talk and offer support. Take those blinners off Aquarius, the past is behind you and life really is for living now. Ring how so I can aid you on your journey to happiness.

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PISCES FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Stop pretending to be someone you're not in your career, as it's the real you who will win the admirers and supporters needed to take things to the top. You know who you can trust and who you can't and you would be best to stick to your judgments you've made or you could miss out on closing a deal or pick by Friday. Ring to hear why it's worth getting in touch with friends from the past.

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SUDOKU

Fill in the grid such that every row and column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9.

Easy

		2						
7			5	2				
	6	5	9	7	4			
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Hard

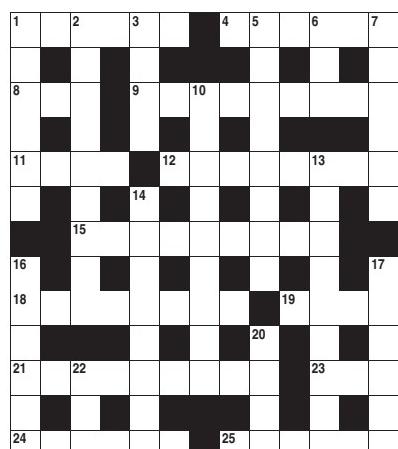
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For Killer Sudoku, the normal rules of Sudoku apply. However, in addition, the digits in each inner shape (marked by dotted lines) must add up to the number in the top corner of the shape.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD



24 Ensued, filthy, even nakedness (6)

25 Hear strange bloke making water-heater (6)

DOWN

1 Vices left in Scouting areas (6)

2 Get soup at Robin's home, perhaps (5,4)

3 Fifty-first column (4)

5 Pet crow's odd sort of bottle (5,3)

6 Slippery rocks (3)

7 Still considered likely to win, leader in Oaks (4,2)

10 Scented oil makes father and Lou itch madly (9)

13 Regarding people in association, doesn't forget (9)

14 Boys' toys – compound of nitrates (5,3)

16 After end of lunch, I'd study out of sight (6)

17 Prisoner with dog to act together (6)

20 Feel good about backward leer (4)

22 We had to get married (3)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

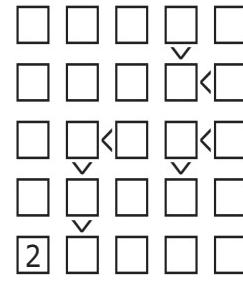
PATHFINDER

Beginning with the highlighted square, follow a continuous path through each and every letter once and may twist up, down or sideways but never diagonally.

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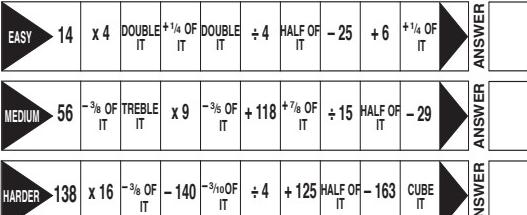
FUTOSHIKI

Each line across and down is to be filled with the numbers 1 to 5. The same number cannot occur more than once in any line. Your only clues are the numbers given and whether a number is greater than (>) or smaller than (<) the adjacent number.



TOTALIZED

The 25-second ultimate challenge from Puzzler Brain Trainer. Follow the instructions from left to right, starting with the number given to reach an answer at the end.



QUICK CROSSWORD

Both sets of clues fit both grids

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

ACROSS

- 1 Very hot (6)
- 4 OT hymns (6)
- 8 PSV (3)
- 9 May be reimbursed (9)
- 11 Set out (4)
- 12 Get rid of (5,3)
- 15 Implicated (9)
- 18 Computer component (8)
- 19 Peak, apex (4)
- 21 Stringing (beads) (9)
- 23 ___ for, pick (3)
- 24 Furrowed (6)
- 25 Putrid (egg) (6)
- 26 Ice-rink user (6)
- 27 Impassioned (6)

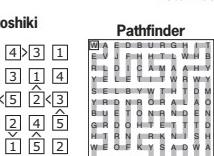
DOWN

- 1 Stony underfoot (6)
- 2 Without emotion (9)
- 3 Average (4)
- 5 Dairy substitute (4,4)
- 6 Research room (3)
- 7 Private eye (6)
- 10 Miscellany (3-6)
- 13 Traditional, outmoded (3-6)
- 14 Cancel, repeal (8)
- 16 Ice-rink user (6)
- 20 Matured (4)
- 22 Steal from (3)

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Totalized: EASY=1053 MEDIUM=56 HARDER=215



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Thursday, March 26, 2015

AYGO IS A-GO



TOYOTA AYGO

N one audacious move, the Toyota Aygo has been transformed from ageing also-ran into bold contender for class honours. The oily bits aren't radically different, but the look and feel is a lot classier; there's a neat connected touchscreen system and the ability to personalise the car will attract younger buyers.

The minuscule running costs have been left largely alone.

One thing Toyota has launched on the new Aygo is the x-wave as an option on the five-door Aygo x-pression model.

Finished in black, the roof is factory-fitted and is full length, ensuring that anyone travelling in the rear seats also gets to enjoy some of the wind-in-the-hair experience.

The roof is electrically operated, using a simple switch next to the map light control in the headlining.

Specifying the x-wave adds even more appeal

to the Aygo x-pression, which also features 15-inch alloy wheels, front fog lamps, projector headlights with LED daytime running lights, the x-touch multimedia system with DAB and Bluetooth, reversing camera and air conditioning.

Gloss black elements in the bodywork and the cabin help the small car make a big style statement, contrasting with White Flash, Electro Grey, Silver Splash, Red Pop and Deep Blue Buzz paint options.

The x-wave roof, price £895 (including VAT), can also be ordered together with the x-tra convenience pack, and with all other options and customisation features available for x-pression, apart from the roof decals.

Power is up over the old car, but given that the improvement is only from 67 to 68bhp, we won't get too excited, either about that or a torque (pulling power) increase from 92 to 95Nm.

In an effort to improve flexibility, some 85Nm

of that is available from as low as 2,000rpm, so you won't need to rev the car to death in order to get it moving.

As before, there are no pokier petrol engines and no diesel option. You can get a self-shifting gearbox though as an option (we hesitate to call it an 'automatic').

Actually, it's what the engineers call an 'automated manual' gearbox that can be used in fully automatic mode, or with manual gear selection using paddle shifts or the shift lever.

The cutesy, inoffensive look of the previous car has been replaced by something with a whole lot more attitude.

A distinctive and characterful design – dubbed 'J-Playful' in reference to Japan's hip youth culture – sees the designers use the concept of a soft object breaking through the hard shell of the design, creating break lines and giving Aygo its distinctive frontal X-graphic.

This spreads outwards across the surface of the bodywork and takes in all the vehicle's main external features, including upper and lower grilles, headlamps, foglamps, and even mirrors and side glazing.

It's incredibly bold and makes the Aygo look bigger and more assertive, despite the fact that it measures 25mm longer than before at 3,455mm. Front headroom has been increased by 7mm, despite overall vehicle height being lowered by 5mm to 1,460mm.

The ability to personalise the car and access connected services such as social networking have transformed the Aygo from a runabout primarily appealing to the elderly to one with a more youthful appeal.

Tapping into a market of people who may never have considered a Toyota before is vital and the Aygo is Toyota's lure for Gen Y-ers reluctantly forced to own a car. They may have unknowingly lucked in.



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CARS FROM £20 PER WEEK

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- (57) Hyundai Coupe Sili, in black, low mileage, one previous keeper, FSH, full leather, alloys, climate/cruise control, electric sunroof and much more £4995 or £20pw
- (12) Nissan Micra Visia 5DR (New Shape), in black, one owner, low mileage, FSH, very economical, £30 RFL, fitted with many factory extras, value £4995 or £20pw
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- (57) Hyundai Coupe Sili, in black, low mileage, one previous keeper, FSH, full leather, alloys, climate/cruise control, electric sunroof and much more £4995 or £20pw
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- (61) Renault Grand Modus Dynamique Auto 5DR, in black, low mileage, FSH, half leather, air con, auto lights, abs, full electric pack and more £5695 or £24pw
- (61) Renault Wind 1.6 Dynamique Convertible, in satin, one owner, 20,000 miles, main dealer FSH, alloys, air con, half leather and more, superb £5995 or £25pw
- (63) Jaguar XJ6 V6 SE Auto, in British racing green, one owner, FSH, alloys, climate/cruise, leather electric memory seats, Bluetooth, parking sensors £5995 or £25pw
- (11) Mazda 2 Takuya 1.3 5DR, in silver, low mileage, one previous keeper, FSH, very economical, only £30 RFL, fitted with many factory extras, value £5995 or £25pw
- (69) Peugeot 207 CC Sport Convertible, one previous keeper, low mileage, main dealer FSH, air con, alloys, power hood, full electric pack and more £5995 or £25pw
- (13) Citroen C1 1.0 VTR 5DR, in grey, one owner, low mileage, main dealer FSH, very economical, RFL exempt, fitted with many factory extras, value £5995 or £25pw

CARS FROM £30 PER WEEK

- (59) Volvo C30 R-Design, in grey, one owner, low mileage, FSH, fitted with full leather, alloys, climate/cruise control, parking sensors and much more £7495 or £30pw
- (61) Peugeot Partner Tepee Outdoor HDI Diesel MPV, in grey, low mileage, FSH, fitted with many factory extras, immaculate condition through-out £7495 or £30pw
- (56) Volvo XC70 D5 SE Diesel Auto Estate, in mauve, one owner, main dealer FSH, low mileage, full leather, alloys, air con, cruise, abs and more £7495 or £30pw
- (67) Ford Focus ST-3 5DR, in blue, immaculate condition, fitted with, full leather heated sports seats, alloys, air con, 6 speed, stability control, superb £7495 or £30pw
- (69) Mercedes A Class Avantgarde SE Diesel 5DR, in silver, low mileage, FSH, alloys, climate/fraction control, Bluetooth, half leather and more £7695 or £33pw
- (67) Mercedes B180 SE CDI Diesel Auto MPV, in silver, one previous keeper, FSH, full leather, climate/cruise control, Bluetooth, alloys and more £7695 or £33pw
- (61) Chevrolet Orlando LT 7 Seater Auto 5DR, in black, one owner, 20,000 miles, FSH, air con, alloys, full electric pack and more, immaculate condition £7695 or £33pw
- (63) Citroen C3 VTR Plus 5DR (New Shape), in white, low mileage, one owner, main dealer FSH, alloys, climate, control, Bluetooth and more, superb £7995 or £34pw
- (67) Honda FRV ES Auto 6 Seater 5DR, in blue, immaculate condition, low mileage, FSH, alloys, climate/cruise, parking sensors and more, superb £7995 or £34pw
- (61) Honda Jazz EX 5DR, in grey, one owner, low mileage, FSH, fitted with pan roof, alloys, climate/cruise control, full electric pack and more, superb £7995 or £34pw
- (61) Peugeot 308 Sport E-HDI Diesel Auto 5DR, in grey, one owner, main dealer FSH, climate/cruise, Bluetooth, parking sensors, alloys and more £8695 or £36pw
- (61) Vauxhall Insignia SRI CDTI Diesel, in grey, one owner, low mileage, FSH, alloys, cruise/climate/traction control, Bluetooth and much more, superb £8695 or £36pw
- (61) Peugeot 308 Active HDI Diesel 5DR, in black, low mileage, FSH, immaculate condition, alloys, air con, CD, full electric pack and much more £8695 or £36pw
- (13) Ford Focus Zetec Eco Boost 5DR, in silver, one owner, low mileage, FSH, very economical, £20 RFL, alloys, air con, Bluetooth and much more £8995 or £38pw
- (10) BMW 318 ES, in silver, low mileage, FSH, fitted with, alloys, air con, stability/traction control, full electric pack and more, superb inside and out £8995 or £38pw

CARS FROM £10 PER WEEK

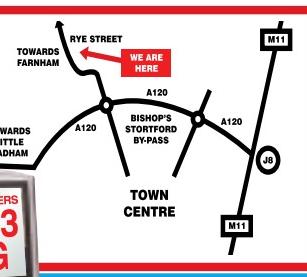
- (10) Nissan Micra N-Tec 5DR, in silver, one owner, low mileage, main dealer FSH, with air con, Bluetooth, CD, full electric pack and more, superb £4495 or £18pw
- (68) Vauxhall Zafira 1.6 Exclusive 7 Seater, in black, one previous keeper, FSH, superb condition through-out, fitted with many factory extras £4695 or £19pw
- (68) Toyota Auris 1.6 i-Spirit 5DR, in blue, one owner, FSH, with extras including alloys, air con, cruise/fraction control, full electric pack and more £4695 or £19pw
- (11) Kia Picanto 5DR, in black, one previous keeper, low mileage, FSH, very economical, only £30 RFL, remainder of Kia 7 year warranty, value £4695 or £19pw
- (69) Citroen C1 Splash 5DR, in blue, low mileage, one previous keeper, FSH, very economical, only £20 RFL, fitted with many factory extras, value £4695 or £19pw
- (59) Smart ForTwo Coupé Passion Auto, in white, low mileage, FSH, very economical, only £20 RFL, with sunroof, air con, alloys, privacy glass £4695 or £19pw
- (66) Mini Cooper, in sunburst, one owner, low mileage, main dealer FSH, full leather, air con, alloys, full electric pack and more, great value at only £4695 or £19pw
- (67) Honda Jazz DSI Sport 5DR, in silver, low mileage, FSH, air con, CD player, full electric pack and more, super condition through-out £4695 or £19pw

CARS FROM £20 PER WEEK

- (05) Volkswagen Golf GT FSi 5DR, in black, one owner, FSH, only 35,000 miles, 6 speed, alloys, air con, sport seats, full electric pack and more £5995 or £25pw
- (56) Volkswagen Passat TDI S Diesel Auto, in silver, one previous keeper, FSH, low mileage, with alloys, air con, push button start and more £5995 or £25pw
- (66) Mercedes C180 Kompressor SE Sport Auto, in silver, one owner, low mileage, FSH, alloys, climate control, full electric pack and more, superb £5995 or £25pw
- (66) Kia Sorento XT CRDI Diesel Auto 5DR, in black, fitted with alloys, full leather electric heated seats, climate/cruise control, full electric pack £5995 or £25pw
- (08) Volkswagen Beetle Luna, in black, one previous keeper, low mileage, FSH, immaculate condition through-out, fitted with many factory extras £5995 or £25pw
- (58) Ford CMax Titanium TDCi Diesel, in blue, one previous keeper, FSH, pan roof, full leather, climate control, Bluetooth, auto lights and more £6495 or £26pw
- (12) Citroen C3 Picasso VTR Plus HDI Diesel 5DR, in blue, one owner, low mileage, FSH, very economical, only £30 RFL, fitted with many extras £6495 or £26pw
- (11) Vauxhall Corsa 1.4 SE 5DR, in grey, one previous keeper, main dealer FSH, half leather, heated seats, air con, cruise control and more, superb £6495 or £26pw
- (12) Toyota IQ, in black, one owner, low mileage, main dealer FSH, fitted with air con, alloys, abs, CD player, full electric pack and more, great value at £6495 or £26pw
- (61) Kia Soul 2 CRDI Diesel 5DR, in silver, one owner, low mileage, main dealer FSH, alloys, air con, full electric pack, abs, CD and more, value at £6695 or £28pw
- (14) Ford KA Edge, in white, one owner, FSH, only 11,000 miles, very economical, £30 RFL, air con, stop/start, full electric pack and much more £6695 or £28pw
- (08) Audi A3 Sportback TFSI T SE Auto, in silver, one previous keeper, FSH, with alloys, climate/traction control, full electric pack and more, stunning £6995 or £29pw
- (62) Smart ForTwo Passion Auto, in black, one owner, FSH, RFL exempt, sat nav, pan roof, Bluetooth, alloys, full electric pack and more, great value £6995 or £29pw
- (58) Toyota Corolla Verso SR 0-4 Diesel 7 Seater, in silver, one owner, FSH, superb condition through-out, fitted with many factory extras, value £6995 or £29pw
- (10) Vauxhall Astral Sri X-CDT Diesel, in silver, one owner, low mileage, FSH, with alloys, air con, 6 speed, privacy glass, sports seats and more £6995 or £29pw
- (57) BMW 1 Series Diesel 5DR, in Satin, one owner, low mileage, very economical, fitted with alloys, air con, parking sensors and much more £6995 or £29pw
- (62) Nissan Micra Acenta Auto 5DR, in black, one owner, FSH, immaculate condition through-out, fitted with a vast array of factory extras, great value £6995 or £29pw
- (08) Suzuki Grand Vitara 5DR Auto, in blue, low mileage, service history, alloys, climate/cruise control, CD player, full electric pack and more £6995 or £29pw

CARS FROM £30 PER WEEK

- (61) Mini One Convertible, in white, one owner, main dealer FSH, fitted with a vast array of factory extras, immaculate condition through-out, superb £8995 or £38pw
- (12) Ford Focus Zetec TDCi Diesel Auto 5DR, in black, one owner, low mileage, FSH, sat nav, Bluetooth, air con, full electric pack and much more £8995 or £38pw
- (57) Mercedes C180 Kompressor SE Auto, in grey, immaculate condition, full leather, alloys, climate control, full electric pack and more, stunning £8995 or £38pw
- (61) Nissan Qashqai Acenta DCI Diesel 5DR, in white, one owner, low mileage, main dealer FSH, alloys, climate/cruise, Bluetooth, parking sensors £9295 or £39pw
- (63) Fiat 500 Lounge Dualogic Auto, in black, one owner, FSH, only 9,000 miles, very economical, just £20 RFL, air con, Bluetooth, full electric pack £9495 or £40pw
- (13) Peugeot 508 E-HDI Diesel Allure Auto, in black, one previous keeper, FSH, only £20 RFL, sat nav, full leather, Bluetooth, climate/cruise control £9495 or £42pw
- (07) Mercedes SLK200 Kompressor Auto Convertible, in blue, one owner, low mileage, FSH, leather electric heated sports seats, climate/cruise £10,995 or POA
- (11) Audi A3 Sportback TDI S-Line Diesel 5DR, in blue, one owner, main dealer FSH, sat nav, full leather, Bluetooth, climate/cruise, parking sensors £12,495 or POA
- (61) Audi A1 S-Line Diesel, stunning condition through-out, low mileage, fitted with a vast array of factory extras including half leather, superb spec £12,695 or POA
- (11) Ford Galaxy Zetec TDCi Diesel 7 Seater, in midnight, one owner, main dealer FSH, alloys, climate, control, Bluetooth, parking sensors and more £12,995 or POA
- (12) Volkswagen Scirocco GT TDI Diesel Bluemotion Auto, one previous owner, low mileage, FSH, adaptive chassis control, stop start, Bluetooth £13,495 or POA
- (13) Renault Megan RenaultSport SS 265 Coupe, in grey, one owner, FSH, full leather heated sports seats, climate/cruise, Bluetooth and more £15,995 or POA
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(59) Peugeot 207 1.6 HDi Sport 5dr, Diesel, 79,849 miles, Blue £4,295

(09) Renault Trafic 2.0TD Diesel Panel Van 117,670 miles, white £4,500

(09) Peugeot 207 1.4 Vti Sport 3dr, 52,920 miles, black £3,995

(08) Peugeot 308 1.6 Vti Sport 5dr, 57,970 miles, blue £3,995

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(58) Vauxhall Meriva 1.6i 16V Design 5dr, 61,660 miles, black £3,695

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2006 (56) Subaru Legacy 2.0 R 4WD Auto 4dr, fully loaded, grey £3,295

(57) Vauxhall Meriva 1.3 CDTi 16V Diesel 5dr, 83,762 miles, red £2,995

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(56) Vauxhall Astra 2.0i 16V Sri 5dr, 117,440 miles, blue £2,495

(55) Ford Focus C-Max 1.8 16V 108,450 miles, silver £2,495

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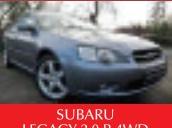
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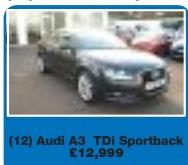
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The Designation shall come into force on 15th April 2015 and shall cease to have effect on 14th April 2020. Under Section 58 of the Act, this designation falls within a description of designations for which the Secretary of State has issued general approval dated 30 March 2010. This means that following a minimum of 10 weeks consultation with persons who are likely to be affected, every local housing authority in England has the Secretary of State's general approval to designate an area as subject to Additional Licensing.

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Application No HW/PL/15/00117 **Ward**: Old Harlow
Application Type Householder Application
Location 4 Bury Road, Harlow, CM17 0ED
Proposal Two-storey rear extension.
Reason for Advert Conservation Area

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANN

Late setback as Raiders steal points

Herts Basketball League
Division One

LBDL Raiders	62
Harlow	60

A HEARTBREAKING two-point defeat in the final seconds of the match left Harlow Hawks with a disappointing trip home from Dunstable.

The defeat to Raiders on Sunday left the side sixth in the eight-team Division One.

Hawks opened the scoring with Tom White notching up four points in the first two minutes.

Richard Whytock was the other scorer in the quarter, piling on a further five points for the Hawks.

Raiders' replied with nine points as the quarter ended 9-9.

Rimanta Norkeliusas scored five points and Alex Hinds four points in the second quarter.

Other points came from Shab Niaz (two) and White (two).

The hosts bagged six points in two minutes and led 30-22 heading into the half-time break.

Raiders out-scored their visitors 16-10 in the third quarter as they began to put their foot on the gas.

Harlow then hit back with Norkeliusas (six points), Russ Allan (two) and Lee Morris (two) getting on the scoresheet.

But Raiders extended their lead to 14 at the end of the third quarter (46-32).

The fourth quarter was an inspired one as the Hawks took the game to the Raiders.

Harlow scored 12 points in the first four minutes of the fourth with no reply from Raiders, cutting the deficit to just 46-43.

Hawks piled on another ten points in the next two minutes with three pointers from Niaz and David Griffin to take the lead for the first time in the game by three points.

The sides exchanged baskets and the game was tied in the final minutes.

Griffin went to the line and scored a free throw but the Raiders scored seven points to regain the lead by four.

Norkeliusas and Griffin brought the game back level but Raiders scored in the final seconds of the final minute to lead by two, a lead they managed to cling on to.

HARLOW HAWKS:

Norkeliusas 20 pts, Hinds 10, Griffin 10, White 6, Whytock 5, Niaz 5, Morris 2, Allan 2, Burgess 0, Friedner 0.

■ THE Hawks suffered a 118-74 home defeat to Hertfordshire Warriors in their previous game on Wednesday last week.

The Hawks, playing without lead guard Shab Niaz, scored 14 points through David Griffin, playing against his former club.

Rimanta Norkeliusas hit 12 points and Hawks U18 player Jack Hawkins put in another solid display in his second league game, scoring eight points (full report at www.harlowstar.co.uk).

In brief

TEN PIN BOWLING: The Senior Rollers League in Harlow saw three bowlers score over 500 in a three-game series last week. Nicholas Taylor led the field with a 525, which included six strikes in a row, closely followed by John Ward with a 521 and Chris Precious with a 510.

A run of good results has seen Ward close the gap to a point of leader Paul Chatterton. The Wednesday Paramount League saw Andy Hockey bowl the week's high game and series with 207 and 587, the latter equalling the third high series bowled in the league this season.

Rugby

West is the best as Rams are crushed

Skipper says side must forget big defeat

RFU London
Division Three North East

Harlow	12
West Norfolk	48

THE Rams will try and put behind them their humiliating 48-12 home loss to promotion-chasing West Norfolk when they head to Stowmarket this Saturday.

Harlow are still in pole position for fourth spot in the RFU London Division Three North East table.

The deadlock was broken on 20 minutes when West Norfolk slotted a penalty and then minutes later their No.8 made a break from halfway to add a try which was converted for a 10-0 lead.

Harlow replied in style with swift hands from the Harlow backs putting Francis Brown in space. He sent a wide pass to Alasdair Phillips who beat his winger and cut round to score under the posts.

Poor tackling

Danny Smith converted.

However, West Norfolk ran in two tries close to half-time after poor tackling from the hosts.

Norfolk led 22-7 at the break.

Ten minutes into the second half, Harlow prop Peter Frost was yellow carded and the visitors took advantage by scoring their fourth try.

The conversion made it 29-7.

Another converted try on 55 minutes made it 36-9.

The Rams fought back and scrum-half Charlie Woodington superbly set up full-back Brown as he ran from deep to bag Harlow's second try.

Norfolk regrouped and scored two more tries, with one conversion, to conclude their rout.



TOUGH TEST: Ryan McGlone tries to break through powerful West Norfolk defending

Photo by Dave Sharp

Rams skipper Shaun Roberts said: "They grew in confidence and their running off-load game was devastating."

"They are the best team we have played this season. They are the best team we have played in four years in this division."

"We made mistakes and they took their chances. This was a new experience for a lot of our

players being on the end of such a big score. We have got to learn."

"Our boys were devastated afterwards. They were the only team to beat us both home and away this year. We have to dust ourselves down and put in a good performance against Stowmarket."

"There is league restructuring and they [West Norfolk] could go

up."

Harlow head to Stowmarket with several players set to miss out.

Luke Bowering (minor operation) is out while his brother Mark is unavailable for the next two weeks. There are doubts over Kain Claridge, Jamie Fricker and Mark Twiner, but Darren Hawkins will return.

RAMS skipper Shaun Roberts is confident some of the successful colts team will be challenging for first team spots next term.

Back Alfie Clark has hugely impressed, along with some of his Harlow team-mates, many of whom have picked up valuable experience playing for the second team this term.

Roberts said: "Alfie has been developing really well. He is quite fast. Some of these boys will look to be involved in the firsts next year."

The colts suffered a narrow 22-19 loss in friendly at home to Woodford after staging a brilliant fightback from 22-0 down.

In a first half to forget Harlow conceded 22 unanswered points.

But a valiant effort after the break saw them go four points shy of a stunning victory.

Mitchell Hodgkinson and Randy Agyeman (2) scored the tries to put the Young Rams back into the contest, with Clark adding two conversions.

These were Agyeman's first tries of the season.

However, Harlow were left stunned when they were not awarded a late, potentially match-winning try. A fantastic drive which appeared to end with Jack Christy touching down, but was ruled out for not being clearly grounded.

Harlow had given debuts to U16 wing Jayne Gisbourne and U17 George Ephgrave.

IN BRIEF: Harlow Lawn Tennis Club defeated Elsenham 9-7 in the Essex Men's Small Clubs League Division Two.

Harlow Juniors Alex Dodd (16) and Sam Dodd (13) played together for the first time and beat Elsenham pair Mike Stiles and Jeremy Drake 6-0, 6-3.

Bernie Catherall and David Wright lost 1-6, 1-6 against Hussain Shaida and Ashley Harris. But the Dodds beat them 6-6, 6-4, while Catherall/Wright drew 6-1, 4-6.

Title showdown is looming for Leopards

Basketball

THERE is a title showdown at the Brentwood Centre on Sunday as Leopards host Team Northumbria, tip-off 4pm.

Leopards go into the game on top of Division One with a 16-5 record, while third-placed Northumbria have games in hand over second-placed Derby and head into the weekend with 14 wins from 19 games.

Leopards travelled to the North East in January and went down to their heaviest league loss of the campaign, 82-73.

Marc Stuetal's side have only lost one of their past ten league games and have also reached the national university final.

Both sides face tricky away games on Saturday, with Northumbria travelling to Reading Rockets and Leopards playing at Leicester Warriors.

The Big Cats faced the Midlands side twice in the same weekend in mid-January, winning 79-68 in the league at Harlow before crashing out of the trophy at Brentwood with an

abject performance that saw them lose 72-50.

Warriors are still in the battle for a play-off place, and are ninth in the table with a 9-12 record.

With coach Robert Youngblood in the United States attending his grandmother's funeral, the Big Cats had a mixed weekend as they edged out basement side Newham Neptunes 73-66 in East London on Saturday before losing 58-52 against Worthing Thunder at the Brentwood Centre.

The relegation-threatened Neptunes belied their lowly league position as they made the Big Cats work for the full 40 minutes before they picked up their 16th league win in 20 games.

Dave Ajumobi, one of five former Neptunes in the Leopards team, led the way with 18 points and seven rebounds, with Courtney van Beest adding 17 points and six boards.

Will Ashby finished with 16 points against his former club, while Lawrence Brown had seven points and as many boards in just under 11 minutes of



OPENING: Will Ashby goes for a basket against Worthing Thunder action. Leopards led for 34 minutes of the game, but in the

end it was a strong finish as a lay-up from Ladi Brown and a jump shot on the break from Ashby sealed the win.

A poor shooting performance saw the Big Cats convert just 23 per cent of their field goal attempts and they trailed 41-30 at the final break.

But worse was to come as they went almost five minutes without troubling the scorers as Thunder built up a 50-30 advantage.

Albert Margai finally ended the drought with a pair of free-throws, and Leopards went on to outscore the visitors 20-2 in the final five minutes.

The closest the Big Cats came to an unlikely victory was when a Margai jump shot made it a five-point game with 44 seconds on the clock, but a harsh call on Ashby ended the dream.

Ajumobi and Ladi Brown were the only two Leopards in double figures with 15 and ten points respectively as well as each pulling down six rebounds.

Van Beest finished with 13 boards but only added two points.



Jerounds pupils' prowess in different sports

JEROUNDS Primary School pupils have shown versatility on the sports field with success in gymnastics, football and netball.

"This is an amazing achievement for us as we are relatively new to the competing side of things, and are really enjoying participating in these events with other local schools," beamed Jerounds learning support assistant Claire Eels.

The boys' gymnastics squad attended the Essex Schools' Floor and Vault County Finals at Chelmsford.

The team (pictured right) were up against more than 90 gymnasts.

With fantastic vaulting and polished floor routines the team finished a very respectable fourth place in their first outing at a county competition.

The Jerounds girls' team competed in the Essex Schools' Floor and Vault Plate competition.

The competition was fierce but the Harlow primary were crowned Essex Girls Plate winners for 2015.

The girls' captain, Jessica (surname withheld at request of school), was also awarded an individual medal for an incredible floor routine score of 13.6 and the school also won the medal for the highest vault score, which was a fantastic 13.1.

In a Harlow schools' cup football competition, Jerounds defeated St Nicholas 6-3 in a replay. The first game between the two sides had ended in a 3-3 draw.

Jerounds face St Luke's in the next round.

In netball, Jerounds A team got to the final of a Harlow schools' tournament at Stewards School, but lost 2-1 to Katherines.

Earlier, they had beaten Water Lane with a golden goal in a gripping semi-final.

This had followed a 2-2 draw between the two sides.

Jerounds had progressed to the final after topping their group with victories against Nazeing (2-1) and Millwards (1-0).

The Jerounds B team missed out on the semi-finals after losing in their group games.



Helen delivers Royal Mail Knockout win

AFTER being runner-up five times, Harlow's Helen Garbutt won the Ladies Singles in the Royal Mail National Darts Knockout competition.

Garbutt (pictured above), who works in the Harlow Royal Mail sorting office in the town centre, travelled to the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool for the national finals.

Helen came out with a 3-2 win in the final against Mary Cusack (Southampton).

Not satisfied with the singles win, Garbutt was runner-up in the Ladies Pairs, losing 2-1 in that final with her partner Rachel Cushing, from Norwich.

To top the competition off Garbutt was voted female player of the tournament.

Buoyed by the confidence she is now looking forward to next year's event to be held in Bournemouth.

Harlow Premier Darts League results: White Admiral 5 (Andy Booth 180, John Wildish 180, John Cashman 180), Servo Link 3; Colt Hatch 5 (Steve Palmer 180), Moot House 3 (Alan Webber 180); Tye Green Foxes 4 (Janet Byford 118 outshot), Sawbridgeworth Brewery 4; Green Link 4, Paringdon Social 4; Paringdon Lions 2, Tye Green Pirates 6.

Season ends with stalemate

HARLOW'S final East Men's Hockey League game of the season saw them draw 1-1 at home to Old Southendians.

In a cagey but entertaining game, there were plenty of attacking opportunities.

The pattern of play was end to end, but neither side could finding the winning goal.

Harlow finished eighth in the 12-team Division Six South East.

Meanwhile, Harlow Ladies are ninth in the Essex Women's League Premier Division with one game left. They lost 3-1 at second-placed Old Loughtonians III on Saturday.

Results

HARLOW & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE:

DIV ONE CUP FINAL: Harlow Mapletown 1, Seen Fc 3 (Ben Thorpe, Ciaran Seers, Lewis Whitmore).

SENIOR CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SEMI-FINAL:

Parslow 1 (Jayden Purdie), Maidens 8 (Anthony James 4, Michael Kennedy 3, Anton Collins), LEAGUE CUP QTR-FINAL: EKBS 5 (Tony Gay 3, Tom Reeves 2), Ashfield Albion 2 (Raich Fraser, Craig Charles).

PREM: Pools 0, Old Town 6 (Ash Conlan 3, Rob Garay 3); Risden Wood 3, FC Cincuenta 4 (Stu Grieves 2, Ricky Cook, Tom Ivory).

DIV TWO: Herald Rovers 0, Risden Wood Res 3.

DIV THREE: A&A 1 (Trent Lintonbon), Maypole Sports 4 (George Harris 2, Bogdan Stanciu, OG); Brays Ath 3 (Jim McClelland 2, Kirk Giles), Newtown Rings 3 (James Ashman, Tom Mercer, Tony Williams); Joga Bonito 0, Risden Wood A 7 (Luke Adams 2, Adam Weymouth, 2, Arron Flack, Jamie Blackman, Jamie Stock).

Future looking Bright with striker's arrival

Assistant boss refuses to say good Knight to title yet

Ryman North

Harlow Tn 4
Brightlingsea Regent 0

HAWKS assistant boss Spencer Knight knows one slip-up from leaders Needham Market will give Harlow Town the opportunity he need to lift the Ryman North title.

The Suffolk side face three tough matches starting on Saturday when they visit a Heybridge Swifts side who beat Harlow at the Harlow Arena in February, the only side to achieve that feat this season.

They then visit play-off chasing Wroxham, before hosting another play-off chasing team in the shape of Dereham.

Needham only need to draw one of those matches and Harlow would then need a victory away to the table-toppers to go level on points – as long as Danny Chapman's men keep winning.

The two teams meet at Needham's ground on Saturday April 18, the penultimate weekend of the season.

Twists and turns

Knight said: "Everyone looks at everyone's results. We know full well they [Needham Market] have won. They will know we have. One result the wrong way and it will swing. We still have to play them remember."

"We just like to think there will be a few more twists and turns before the end of the season."

"We just have to keep winning games. We can't do much more than that."

New signing Jamie Guy (27) netted twice on his debut for Harlow Town as the Hawks shot down



SUPER FLY GUY: Two-goal Jamie Guy in action against Brightlingsea Regent on Saturday Photo by Kerigh Palmer

Brightlingsea 4-0 in the Ryman North on Saturday.

Guy has suffered major injury problems including a double open

leg fracture and broken tibia and fibula, but will hope these are all

Club athletes in tip-top form ahead of outdoor season

YOUNGSTERS from Harlow AC performed well at the Essex Athletic Network event, held at Chelmsford.

More than 100 athletes from all over Essex took part.

In the U13 60m hurdles, Harlow's Regan Lawrence set a personal best (PB) winning time of 10.9sec.

Regan was second in the U13 A 60m in a time of 8.8, his first run as an U13. James Petty, a debutant, was third in the B race

in 8.9.

In the U15 events, Dominique Diomande won the A 60m in 7.8s, with Teale Cunningham third in 8.1.

Lucy Smith, in her competitive debut, set a mark of 11.4 in the U15 60m hurdles. She was fourth in the B race in a time of 9.8s and Amy Ashby (9.4s) was third in a very tight C race in which four athletes were given exactly the same time of 9.4.

In the U17 races, Kai Whyne was second in the A 60m race in 7.7.

In the U17s and senior men, Mohamed Tambedou was second in 7.2 and Shemar Boldiszar was third with 7.3.

Season's best

Three athletes then took part in the field events: James Petty was second in the U13 long jump with 3.66m; Teale Cunningham jumped a season's best in the

high jump (1.65m) to finish second and Jordan Sheridan jumped a PB of 11.70m in the triple jump to win the open age event.

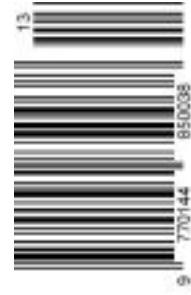
"This is a great competition," said HAC coach Steve Lott. "It provides a great opportunity for athletes to gauge where they're at as we come out of winter training."

"This was another positive weekend for the club's athletes and pretty much every result

represented a PB or season's best.

"The signs are that Mohamed and Shemar are going to be close to sub 11 seconds in the 100m this season, which is classy running."

"I was particularly pleased for Jordan [Sheridan] who added 14cm to his Essex Indoor Championship bronze winning performance. He's only just 15 and this was only his second competition as an U17."



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MATT'S FINISHED OFF THE AUSSIES

Record-breaking wicket haul turns one-day series as England win

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CRICKETER Matthew Cowdery played a record-breaking starring role as the England Learning Disability team completed a resounding 5-1 series win over Australia.

Harlow's Cowdery took sensational career-best figures of 7-19 last Friday in the fourth match of the one-day series.

This was the best figures ever taken by a cricketer in an England LD match.

This helped England hammer Australia by eight wickets to move 3-1 ahead in the six-match series.

The opening bowler, who turned 24 on Saturday, delivered eight stunning overs to help skittle the hosts for just 44 in Melbourne.

The result meant the tourists could not lose the series, with the final two matches taking place on Monday and Tuesday, both of which England won.

Stunning performance

Former Harlowbury School student Cowdery, a player at Nazeing Common Cricket Club, was handed the man of the match award after his stunning performance in the fourth match last Friday which turned the series in England's direction.

Speaking straight afterwards he said: "It was good, a decent atmosphere. The pitch played well and we bowled well."

"We played much better than yesterday [March 19]. The team performance was better. Everything was better than yesterday."

England lost two wickets in reply but skipper Chris Edwards and Lee Stenning led their side



HAPPY DAYS: The England team celebrate and (right) Matthew Cowdery holds the trophy to celebrate a brilliant series win in Australia

home in 13 overs.

Cowdery was watched by his parents, Sue and Steve, and sister Hannah, who travelled out from their Harlow home to watch the whole series, the first time the player had represented England.

His mum said yesterday: "We are very proud, the entire series has been professional throughout and thanks to INAS [a charity for people with learning difficulties which organised the series], the ECB, management, coaches and sponsors."

England had lost the first of the six one-day internationals but bounced back emphatically to win the remaining five games, with Cowdery one of the key men.

In the final match a first international century from captain Edwards secured a fifth successive win in the series.

Edwards, who hit 11 fours,

made 104 of England's 199 for eight in a game reduced from 40 to 35 overs a side due to rain at Princes Park in Melbourne.

The hosts' reply was limited to 164-5.

At the closing ceremony Edwards was named man of the series after averaging 97 and also returning best bowling figures of 3-2 off two overs.

The 22-year-old, who was also man of the match in the final game, said: "To win 5-1 in Australia is amazing, a great feeling to finally get the series over and done with and we can go and celebrate well tonight."

"It's very wild at the moment. Everyone is jumping around, over the moon. It's just unbelievable. I can't really put it into words just how pleased everyone is."

Cowdery and the England party return home this weekend.



Guy can add fireworks to promotion bid

FORMER Colchester United forward Jamie Guy is determined to fire the goals to send Harlow Town back into the Ryman Premier Division.

Guy, who was signed from Ryman Premier Witham Town, was the two-goal hero as the Hawks thrashed play-off chasing Brightlingsea Regent 4-0 at home on Saturday.

The former Grays Athletic and Bishop's Stortford forward has come in with 30 goal Alex Read ruled out with a leg break until at least the end of April.

Guy beamed: "I have come here to get Harlow promoted and score some goals."

The 27-year-old made 52 appearances for Colchester in the Football League over a career which spanned six years until 2010.

He has also had spells at Port Vale, Oxford United, Cambridge United and Dagenham & Redbridge.

Honest

Explaining why he moved to The Harlow Arena, he said: "I spoke to [boss Danny Chapman] and he was honest with me, told me the way they want to play.

"The facilities here are great.

It's a well-run club.

"I have always said, even when I have come to play against Harlow, the fans are brilliant, they make so much noise."

"That's massive for the team. They put pressure on."

Guy looked impressive as he struck twice against Regent and is set to face Chatham Town in Ryman North this Saturday as the Hawks look to cut Needham Market's lead at the top.

"It's always nice to score on your debut and it's nice to win," he added.

Hawks assistant boss Spencer Knight says Guy's experience, nous and eye for goal will be vital in Harlow's remaining six games.

He said: "It's difficult when you are signing players at the end of the season."

"There's no time for them to really bed in."

"He's hit the ground running, with two goals in his first game you can't ask for much more than that. His all round play was excellent."



CLINICAL: Kerrie Moss, in action against Southwold, scored two tries
Photo by Dave Sharp

Ladies avenge defeat to Southwold

HARLOW Ladies produced a fantastic performance to triumph 32-0 in their home match against Southwold on Sunday.

Building on their previous win, the Rams avenged the away loss to Southwold in National Challenge South East One.

Harlow broke the deadlock midway through the first half when fly-half Kerrie Moss spotted a gap and sprinted through. Sarah Stimpson converted.

The hosts took confidence from this and scored two more tries before half-time.

Moss crossed the line again and full-back Lucie Gibson ran some distance to open up the Southwold defensive line and touch down.

In the second half, with Harlow playing downhill, Southwold held firm despite going down to 14 players for ten minutes after a yellow card.

Stimpson and Davina McLellan scored a try apiece, to

give Harlow the bonus point win.

The hosts' defensive line was resolute throughout.

Gibson scored the sixth try.

Harlow are fifth in the table.

HARLOW LADIES (squad):

Boggas, K. Smith, Lee, Wooller, Rand, Wood, Stimpson, Dixon, J. Mills, K. Mills, Bryant, McLellan, McKenna, C. Smith, Gibson, Blake, Hancock, Shambrook, Stoneman, Stewart. ■ HARLOW Ladies need more players. Email ladies@harlowrugby.co.uk for more details.